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CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. It shall be composed of Delegates elected by the Churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional Fifty Members or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and the Spiritual power of the churches, and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

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Powers and Perogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall have no power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its obejcts and requirements or upon application of a church for dismission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As constituent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advice when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as Delegates as far as practicable, their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for printing the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

Organization

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Historian, Clerk and Treasurer who shall be elected at each annual session on the last day. The terms of office commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and contiune until the close of the next Association.

Duties of Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Body and superintend the printing and distribution of the same, and to keep on file the printed Minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the money contributed to the Association Fund as directed by the Body and to make an annual report of the same.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve importand data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the Body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

Rules of Order

1. Meetings
   1. The association shall meet annually at the time and place of it's own selection.
   2. During each session the association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.
   3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
   4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
   5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission from the Body.
   6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read, or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business
   1. Call the roll of churches and enroll delegates.
   2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committe on state of churches.
   3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.
   4. Receive new churches.
   5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6. Fill any vacancies in organization.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of committee on order of business as to subjects and discussions.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.
11. All questions of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of MELL'S PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

PROCEEDINGS

1. At 10:00 o'clock A . M. on August 23, 1935, the Twenty Fourth Annual Session of the Avery County Baptist Association convened in Beech Mountain, Baptist Church.

2. Ed Buchanan, Moderator called the Association to the transaction of business.

The local choir sang "Precious Memories," Devotions were led by Tracy Church by reading from Mathew's Gospel 7-19 and commenting on "The Solid Foundation and The Sandy Foundation."

3. Continued devotional services in prayer led by the Rev. Stewart Thompson voicing feelings of thankfulness for the many physical and temporal blessings of the past year.

4. The Moderator recognized the following visitors and new pastors: viz-

Stewart Thompson, pastor of Beech Mountain Baptist church.
John Sink of Chowan Association.
J. A. McMillan, Editor of Charity and Children.
J. L. Martin, of Shulls Mills.
Smith Hagaman, Supt. of Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.
Bro. Robbins of Holston Ass'n.
Bro. Will Turbyfill of Mitchell Ass'n.
J. G. Benfield of Burke Co.

All of whom were welcomed to the Association.

5. The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

HOSPITALS - Smith Hagaman, T. W. Hopkins.
MINISTERIAL RELIEF - E. M. Johnson, P. L. Johnson.
TEMPERANCE - W. R. Beach, W. W. Braswell.
MILLS HOME - J. A. McMillan, Mrs. J. L. Pyatte.

DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS-Rev. Roberts, L. W. Sudderth.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS - Dewey Holtsclaw.
B. T. U. - Mrs. Vonnie Taylor· Miss Mae Hicks.
W. M. U. - Grace Hall, Mrs. L. E. Pitman.
PERIODICALS - Roy McGuire, C. E. New.
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM - J. L. Martin, R. T. Teague.
STEWARDSHIP - Baxter Ollis, Clayton Brown.
OBITUARIES - Tracy Church, Roy McGuire.
STATE OF CHURCHES - E. M. Johnson, K. L Haga.
FINANCE - T. F. Cook Sr.· J. L. Banner.
PASTORAL SUPPORT - Dewey Gouge, V. W. Green.
RESOLUTIONS - Mrs. Dock Ollis, Mrs. Elbert McCourry.
PLACE AND PREACHER - Millard Pritchard· T. F. Cook Sr., and Dr. Gwynn.
NOMINATIONS - E. M. Johnson, W. W. Braswell.

6. On motion the order of program was set aside for the morning session.

7. Report on Hospitals was called for and in the absence of Bro. T. W. Hopkins, a motion was made that the report be dispensed with at the present and discussions be heard. Bro. Smith Hagaman Supt of the Baptist State Hospital· was introduced and brought to the Association a very beautiful picture of what the Hospital is doing at Winston-Salem. He informed us that we had cared for 3600 patients during the last year, or an average of 86 all the time. We have a Staff of 63 doctors and 50 nurses.

8. In the absence of Rev. K. L. Haga, Bro. Paul Roberts presented the Introductory Sermon from St. John 1 and St. Mathhew 9-9 on the text· "Following Christ."

9. Association adjourned until 2:00 P.M. by song and prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1. The song service was led by Rev. Edmond Johnson.
2. Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. J. G. Benfield pastor of Jonas Ridge Baptist Church, reading from St. John's Gospel, 15th Chapter and stressing the thought on, "Being Friends of God."

MILLS HOME REPORT

The report of Committee on The Mills Home was called for and

Mrs. D. Buchanan offered the following:

"We are glad to make a report on such a needed institution as we own at Thomasville.

"We are caring for five hundred children at Thomasville and for one hundred thirty five at the Kennedy branch at Kinston, and the Mothers Aid Department with the Mothers care for two hundred.

"We have three farms in operation, one at Thomasville, one at Brevard and one at Kinston. There are approximately 2000 acres in these three farms.

"The farms, and the once a month offerings from the Sunday Schools, and the annual Thanksgiving offering is all we have to depend on to care for our 800 to 1000 orphan children.

"We earnestly urge and request all the ladies in our Associational bounds to make the canned goods offering this year just as liberal as possible."

The report was discussed by the body, climaxed by Mrs. J. A. McMillan, editor of Charity and Children, who brought Bro. I. G. Greer's message to the Association from the Orphanage.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON B. T. U.

Our B. T. U. was reported at our last annual meeting as being fully organized and in good working condition.

At that time, ten organized unions were reported. We are glad to report twenty active unions a this time.

During the past year we have taught eleven study courses and given more than one hundred awards for completed work.

We believe that the leadership as was evidenced at the B. T. U. meeting held at Aaron church is proving, and will continue to prove a source of blessing to our young people in this Association.

We urge that our Pastors support by their presence, prayers and all possible means the continuation of the B. T. U. work.

We insist that every church send a good delegation to our Fall and Spring Rallies in order that the inspiration may get into all the churches.

Vonnie L. Taylor

The report was discussed and adopted.

The Baptist Schools of North Carolina were discussed by Bro.

Tracy Church and Bro. Pipes and it was recommended that we patronize these schools.

The work of the Sunday Schools was ably discussed by Rev Edmond Johnson, Rev. Dewey Holtsclaw and Bro. N. A. Buchanan and their report will show in the Sunday School table found elsewhere in these Minutes.

W. M. UNIONS

The report on W. M. Unions was called for and Mrs. Edgar Pritchard submitted the following:

"There are five W.M.S.'s in Avery County. We the committee would recommend that a ~~Union~~ Society be organized in every Baptist Church in the County. No where in the Church do we learn of Missions as in the W.M.S. and for our women to know is to do."

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Pipes discussed Womens Missionary Union work.

The report was adopted as read.

The Association adjourned with song and prayer until 9:30 on the following day.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1935.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Edmond Johnson.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. J. L. Martin, lesson being drawn from Judges 7-verses, 19 to 21, Topid: "Every Man Standing In His Place."

TEMPERANCE

The report on Temperance was read by W. W. Braswell and some very startling comparisons in Prohibition days and present days were presented as to crime and accidents.

Was it wise of our Government to annul the 18th Amendment of the Constitution?

The cry of those opposing the 18th Amendment was the enormous cost of enforcement.

The cost of enforcement from January 10, 1920 to October 31, 1933 was $128,810,291. The total amount received in fines and seizures for the same period of time was $299,639,476 leaving a net gain of $170,829,185 over the cost of enforcement.

Immediately after the repeal of the 18th Amendment in Washington, D. C. arrests for drunkenness increased 20 per cent in the first month, 35 per cent in the fourth month, 63 per cent in the seventh month above the previous records.

After beer was legalized in 1933 sales of milk and ice cream decreased in one company, (Beatrice Creamery Co.) $330,000 in one month, this is the equivalent of 750,000 gallons of milk.

In Chicago during legalized liquor the Washingtonian home for men, for drunkards had 700 to 1000 patients at a time and had treated 300,000 drunkards in a very short period of time, prior to the liquor days it operated as a hotel.

Death in automobile wrecks increased in Rochester, N. Y. 1,300 per cent in six months of repeal.

Have we erred in the matter of repeal? These facts are submitted for your consideration.

W. W. Braswell, Chairman

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Report on Cooperative Program was read by Prof. R. T. Teague and very ably discussed:

When Jesus said· "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world," Matt 28:19-20, he handed down the greatest and most momentous challenge to the Christian Churches· that ever came to any body of people.

The purpose of challenge is to arouse one to do his best. In that we espouse the cause of Christ, and become a part of His great army, we accept the Challenge, and place ourselves in position to do our best. As to how well we have measured up to our obligations and met the challenge our records show.

According to the minutes of last year, eighteen of the twenty three churches in the Avery Association reported a membership of 2,040 (five churches did not report membership). All the churches contributed to missions only $226.72. This is a fraction over eleven cents the member for the 2,040 of whom we have record. Does the record show that we are meeting the challenge as we should? I think not.

R. T. Teague, J L. Martin.

STEWARDSHIP

Report on Stewardship was read by Baxter Ollis.

Your Committee on Stewardship wishes to make the following report:

First: We want to call the attention to the fact that Stewardship is one of the highest responsibilities given. It is a place whereby we are to glorify God with the gifts he has given us. It is the great doctrine of the Bible, teaching us the true principles of giving.

Second: Stewardship calls for the use of our talents in advancing His cause and Kingdom. To be a faithful Steward we must perform the duties with unselfishness, love and interest of the Kingdom.

Third: Our need at present is not that the churches follow the course they have been following, but that they wake up to the fact that the world is being lost because we are not glorifying God with our talents. Our need is that we get a greater appreciation of the meaning of Stewardship, a deeper loyalty and consecration and a greater determination to take the work of the Kingdom seriously, and to use our intelligence in the planning and execution of the work.

Fourth: We recommend that the leaders of our churches lead the people to a greater conception of Stewardship and that each church strive to have a real Stewardship revival for the purpose of strengthening our churches, institutions, mission fields and world wide program of Christ.

Clayton Brown, Baxter Ollis, Committee.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Report on Ministerial Relief was read by Bro. E. M. Johnson.

First: God's chosen leadership in His Kingdom work in the world.

Second: His herdsmen and messengers. There are possibly two ways by which these ambassadors for Christ may be relieved; In a spiritual way and in a financial way. In a spiritual way by obedience to their messages—often they are in the mood that Jeremiah was when he said, "Oh that my head was water and my eyes a fountain of tears."

In a financial way by supporting the things of various needs: Is not the laborer worthy of his hire? At our last annual session of 1934 it was recommended that the various churches make a buget by which they may finance the much needed Stewards of the Christ. We endorse this recommendation. We further recommend that fields be formed and locate a pastor in each field.

E. M. Johnson

INVITE NEW CHURCHES

On motion the three churches, Fall Creek, Mt. Gilead and Mt. Calvary, (all in the territorial bounds of Avery Association) are to be invited to join Avery Association.

The Following committees to extend the invitations and report to the next annual session were named.

To Fall Creek Church: - Stewart Thompson, Geo. McGuire, T. M. Cook.

To Mt. Gilead Church: - Mrs. Geo. Story, Roy McGuire, G.W. Harmon.

To Mt. Calvary Church: - R.T. Teague, Ed Buchanan, Roby Shomaker.

All above reports and motions adopted by a vote of the Association.

The Association took recess until 1:30 P. M. with prayer by Rev. J. L. Martin.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association met according to adjournment with a devotional service conducted by Rev. Vivian Green.

OBITUARIES

Report on Obituaries read by Tracy Church.

"OUR HONORED DEAD"

We the Baptist churches of Avery Association mourn the loss of these Brothers and Sisters who have departed from this life into the Great Beyond.

BELVIEW:—Mrs. Harriel Henson, Mr. William Hester.

MINNEAPOLIS:—Deacon J. W. Taylor, Mrs. Roberta Pritchard.
NEWLAND:—Mr. W. A. Buchanan, Mr. Harry Taylor.
ELK PARK:—Mrs Elizabeth Hagie.
OAK GROVE:—Mrs. Destimony Johnson, Miss Murriel Vance.
BIG MEADOWS:—Mrs. Lula Burleson, Deacon J. P. Benfield.
PLEASANT HILL:—Mrs. Emma Buchanan, Mrs. Susan Holiman.
PLEASANT VALLEY:—Mrs. Jennie Hicks.
PINEOLA:—Deacon Charles E. Miller.
BEECH MOUNTAIN:—Mr. Arlin Trivett, Miss Rina Trivett, Mrs. M.E. Walsh, Mr. Rubin Trivett.

STATE OF CHURCHES

Report on State of Churches prepared by the clerk on chart and placed before the Association.

In 1934, 22 churches reported.
In 1935, 23 churches reported.
In 1934, paid pastors $1588.11.
In 1935, paid pastors $1706.65
In 1934, to Orphanage $182.76
In 1935, to Orphanage $314.20
In 1934, Church membership 2186
In 1935, Church membership 2304.
In 1934, B.Y.P.U's., 11
In 1935, B.Y.P.U's., 14.

Women's Missionaries show a slight gain. Let us seek to attain to a higher Spiritual plane of living that our lives may be acceptable to the Heavenly Father.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report of Finance Committee read by J. L. Banner.

We submit the following report.

Received for minutes from eighteen churches 1934.	$20.28
Received of W.W. Braswell,	1.00
Received of Newland Church	1.00
Received of Ed Buchanan	1.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$23.28**
Paid W. W. Braswell	$8.00
Paid Avery Advocate	19.28

TOTAL	**$27.28**
Due Avery Advocate	7.72
Due J. L. Banner	4.00
TOTAL OVERDRAFT	**$11.72**

J. L.Banner

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Report on Pastoral Support read by V. W. Green.

We, your committee on Pastoral Support beg to submit the following:

We find from last year's report we paid $1588.11. This year we paid $1706.65. Paul said, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." This amount would not support two preachers and their families decently.

V. W. Green, Dewey Holtsclaw

RESOLUTIONS

Report on Resolutions prepared by Mrs. Elbert McCourry and read by Rev. G. D. Danner.

We your Committee on Resolutions begs to submit the following:

First: Resolved that Avery Association of Baptists urge our pastors to seek a deeper experience with the Master, that they might be able to lead our people in a closer walk with him.

Second: That our Association retain the resolution of last year to go on record as being opposed to any gathering on Sunday that has a tendency to lead the people away from their local churches.

Third: That we extend to Beech Mountain church our thanks for their kindness and hospitality during this session of the Association.

Mrs. E. L. McCourry, Mrs. Dock Ollis

AMENDMENT:

That the Association extend thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their services.

PLACE AND PREACHER

Report of Committee on Place and Preacher read by M. G. Pritchard.

We the committee on Place and Preacher recommend that the next meeting of the Avery Association be held with Pineola Baptist Church and we further recommend that Bro. Stewart Thompson shall preach the Introductory Sermon.

J. M. Pritchard, chairmam.

PERIODICALS

We wish to restate the fact that our people are readers.

Every child now, by the age of 16 years has read more different books than it was possible for an adult of 25 years of age to have read fifteen years ago.

We feel that the Avery County Baptists are not making as full use of Baptist Literature and Periodicals as they should.

"Charity and Children" should be in use in every Sunday School in the County. We would also urge that the "Recorder" be used by more Baptists than are now using it. We further recommend that every church secure a few denominational books and start a library. The reading may be and in many instances will be a great influence upon some one who will do much for the Kingdom work.

Roy McGuire, chairman

NOMINATIONS

We your Committee on Nominations submit the following:

FOR MODERATOR:—Rev. G. D. Danner.

FOR CLERK:—W. W. Braswell.

FOR TREASURER:—J. L. Banner.

HISTORIAN:—R. T. Teague.

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN CONVENTION:—G. D. Danner, K. L. Haga.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION:— E. M. Johnson, L. W. Sudderth.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS:—

Three Fork—J. L. Martin.

Mitchell County—J. Henline.

Watauga, Carter Co., Tenn.,—W. A. Braswell, E. M. Johnson and V. W. Green.

We feel that the Executive Committee as now composed is too large to function, therefore we nominate the Moderator as Chairman, and Clerk as Clerk, and all Pastors as members of Executive

Committee.

All above reports and resolutions were adopted by the Association upon vote after proper discussion had been heard by the body.

The following were appointed by the Moderator to write on for next year:

MISSIONS:—W. W. Braswell.
EDUCATION:—G. D. Danner.
HOSPITALS:—Mrs. J. L. Pyatte.
MINISTERIAL RELIEF:—E. M. Johnson.
OBITUARIES:—L. W. Sudderth.
PERIODICALS:—Mrs. Edgar Pritchard.
STATE OF CHURCHES:—Dewey Holtsclaw.
FINANCE:—J. L. Banner.
PASTORAL SUPPORT:—Baxter Ollis.
B. T. U.:—Mrs. Vonnie Taylor.
NOMINATIONS:—R. T. Teague.
TEMPERANCE:—J. P. Hughes.

We urge that papers be prepared at least ten days before the time of next Association.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Green
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pitman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryant	D. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	D. A. Green
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pitman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn.	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Killgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mtn.	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	S. M. Pitman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	Memorial Service of N. S. Hampton
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	
1933	Powder Mill	Ed W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mt. Pleasant	Ed W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mtn.	Ed W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts

TABLE I: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	Pastors and Post Offices	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP — GAINS: Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	LOSSES: Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	TOTAL: Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
Aaron	V		J. L. Martin, Shulls Mills	3 Sat & Sun	106	1				1	1			105	None	1	1	None
Beech Mountain	C	1869	Tipton Green, Boone	1 Sun.	209	2	4			6		2	4	203	Yes	1	1	None
Big Meadow	C	1849	J. C. Brown, Cranberry	4 Sun.	126					1			3	122	None	None	None	None
Belview	C	1922	C. A. Buchanan, Toecane	3 Sun.	119	1	4	1					2	123	None	1	1	None
Crossnore	V	1907	G. D. Danner, Crossnore	Each Sun.	17[illegible]	7	4		1	2				189	Yes	1	1	5
Cranberry	V	1907	J. M. Whitaker, Jno. City	1 Sun	140	5	2			1				146	Yes	1	1	2
Chestnut Dale	C	1914	J. G. Hughes, Valley	3 Sun.	92									92		1	1	
Elk Valley	C		Ed Hodges, Boone	3 Sun.	81				3	2				82	None	1	None	None
Elk Park	T		W. R. Davis, Blowing Rock		64					2		1	3	58				
Flat Springs	C	1902	V. W. Green, Cranberry	3 Sun.	102	27	1	3	4	8		2		127	None	1	2	None
Green Valley	C	1886	W. M. Turbyfill, Clarissa	4 Sun.	62	6	6							74	Yes	1	1	None
Henson Creek	C	1900	E. M. Johnson, Minneapolis	2 Sun.	53					8	3			42	None	None	1	None
Jonas Ridge	C	1933	J. G. Benfield, Morganton	4 Sun.	108					1		74		33	None	1	None	None
Minneapolis	V	1911	V. W. Green, Cranberry	1 Sun.	140					3	5		2	1 0	None	1	2	None
Mt. Pleasant	C	1867	V. W. Green, Cranberry	1 Sun.	76	1				2				75	None	1	None	1
Newland	T	1916	J. Hentine, Newland	1 & 3 Sun.	118	9	7	1		3			2	160	Yes	1	2	6
Oak Grove	C	1902	V. W. Green, Cranberry	1 Sun.	95	4							2	98				
Pineola	V	1925	J. L. Martin, Shulls Mills	3 Sun.	56	11				2		4	1	60	Yes	None	None	None
Pleasant Hill	C	1910	No pastor at present.		255	5				5			2	253	Yes	1	None	None
Pleasant Valley	C	1893	Dewey Holtsclaw, Elk Park	4 Sun.	85	6				11	3		1	76	None	2	2	None
Powder Mill	C	1914	J. L. Dellinger, Spear	2 Sun.	31	2			2					35	None	2	2	None
Roaring Creek	C	1871	J. G. Hughes, Valley	2 Sun.	73						7			66	None	1		None
Yellow Mountain	C		K. L. Haga, Montezuma	4 Sun.	72					1				71	Yes	None	None	1
					2473	87	28	5	10	50	19	83	22	2420				

NET LOSS OF 53 MEMBERS

TABLE II: SUNDAY SCHOOLS

		SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT											SPECIAL INFORMATION						
CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Offices	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-21 Years	Adults 25 Years and up	Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrolment Including Officers, Teachers and Pupils	What Is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Have You a Mission Sunday School?	Enrollment of Mission Sunday School	Did You Hold a Vacation Bible School?
Aaron	Edgar Pritchard, Montezuma	11	7	8	5	13	14		6	9	73	45	no	no	3	none	yes	57	no
Beech Mountain	A. V. McGuire, Heaton									11	108	76	no	no	4	none	no		no
Big Meadow	Earnest Johnson, Pyatte	25	15	25	20	23	13	8		13	142	85	yes	no	3	none	no		no
Belview	Arcus Ollis, Cranberry	19	15	16	19	21	37	12	6	8	153	73	no	no	1	1	no		no
Crossnore	Carl Gallagher, Crossnore		14	22	24	35	24			18	137	130	yes	no	2	7	no		no
Cranberry	Union S. S.										146	140							
Chestnut Dale	Rom Huffman, Frank	20	12		20		40			7	99	77	no	no	none	none	no		no
Elk Valley	Roy Ward, Memory	10	12			15	18			6	61	60	no	no	none	none	no		no
Elk Park	Mrs. R. E. Cardwell, Elk Park										70	50							
Flat Springs	J. M. Green, Whaley									7	60	50	no	no	none	none	no		no
Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	26	14	20		25	30			7	122	85	no	no	1	6	no		no
Henson Creek	Hubert Dellinger, Spear	15			15	8	8			6	52	50	no	no	none	none	no		no
Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell, Jonas Ridge	2	6	5	6	7	10	2	0	10	48	38	yes	no	1	none	no		no
Minneapolis	Easel Buchanan, Minneapolis										92	75							
Mt. Pleasant	H. S. Burleson, Newland	9	7	12	9	10	10			8	65	45	yes	no	none	1	no		no
Newland	R. T. Teague, Newland	8	19	21	26	12	30	20	17	17	170	114	yes	no	5	none	no		no
Oak Grove	J. A. Ledford, Newland	10		17	27		22			6	82	70	yes	no	5	none	no		no
Pineola	J. T. Curtis, Pineola	10	6	8	13	14	8	25		8	92	45	no	no	none	11	no		no
Pleasant Hill	Baxter F. Ollis, Frank	18	15	18	20	40	46			17	174	108	yes	no		5	no		no
Pleasant Valley	Boyd Hicks, Elk Park	11	13	18	13	17	17			8	97	40	no	no	7	none	no		no
Powder Mill	George Watson, Senia		18	14	14	14				6	66	60	no	no	none	none	no		no
Roaring Creek	W. G. Gouge, Valley	10	9	10	10	12	10	7		6	74	55	no	no	none	none	no		no
Yellow Mountain	Wade Buchanan, Spear	12		15	16	17	12			7	79	40	no	no	2	none	no		no

TABLE IV: GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF AVERY BAPTIST ASSO.

FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES	Regular Treasurers And Post Offices	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Given by Church Only	(Local Work) Given by All W. M. U. Organizations	(Local Work) Given by the Sunday School	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Its Organizations
Aaron	T. W. Childress, Montezuma	50.00			9.90		30.00	18.02		2.00	2.00	84.60	9.90	18.02	112.52
Beech Mountain	R y McGuire, Heaton	86.20		15 91		9.30		11.57				102.11		20 87	122 98
Big Meadow	J. L. Pyatte, Pyatte	50.35			7.95		6.00	25.10	3.00	1.24		94 24			70 97
Belview	Julius Ollis, Cranberry	80.37				48.00	23.32	23 36		2 00	24.00	177.69		23.36	201.05
Crossnore	Mrs. Tom Dellinger, Crossnore	106.17		22 00			36.00	33.83		2.60					200 60
Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCourry, Cranberry	56 55	10.00					10.00	5.00	1.00	10.00	82.55			82.55
Chestnut Dale	D. S. Huffman, Frank	15.60		28 34			2.75	13.22	10.00		10.00	63.94		15.97	79.91
Elk Valley	Ralph Horney, Memory	70 00		22 00				8.00		1.70		101.70			101.70
Elk Park	Mrs. E. D Odom, Elk Park		(No data given)												
Flat Springs	Russell Norris, Beech Creek	51.14		11.40				17.00		2 00					81.54
Green Valley	R. L. Hall, Spruce Pine	78.65		7 53			2 27	24.50			4 50				117.45
Henson Creek	Hobert Dellinger, Spear	23.59		15.00	40.00		20.00	8 00		1.00					107.59
Jonas Ridge	L. C. Shell, Jonas Ridge	50.00						14.90				50.00		14 90	64.90
Minneapolis	Stanley Pyatte, Minneapolis	25.16		4 00	22.70		10.16	12.00		2 00					82 02
Mt. Pleasant	H. S. Burleson, Newland	76.40		10.00			1.00	15.15				87.40		15.00	102 40
Newland	Finley Banner, Newland.	219.75		27.68	156.35		91 50	53.32		5.00		553.60		298.85	852.45
Oak Grove	Mrs. Victoria Meredith, Newland		(No data given)												
Pineola	J. M. Pritchard, Pineola	100.00						35.00		2.25		102.25		35.00	122.25
Pleasant Hill	John Hicks, Frank	197.41	30.03				45.00	50.72	50.00	2.00		330.85	7.31	37 00	375.16
Pleasant Valley	Norman Hicks, Elk Park	24.55						4.00	9.00	.55					38.10
Powder Mill	Joda Green, Senia	20.70		18.66	3.70			11.84							54 90
Roaring Creek	Jeffie Hughes, Valley	18.37	8.00				4.00	4.75		1.00					36.12
Yellow Mountain	Miss Ruth Green, Spear	80.00	18.00	9.50			32 00	26.00		1.75					177.25

MINUTES OF THE AVERY COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION AT AARON CHURCH JULY 25-29, 1935.

The convention met with Aaron Church, July 25th at 10 A. M.

Rev. J. C. Brown led the devotional service, after which the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. K. L. Haga.

Reports were recceived from the Mt. Pleasant, Green Valley, Newland, Belview, Pleasant Valley and Aaron Sunday Schools.

The following Committees were appointed;

Finance: J. M. Pritchard, H. S. Burleson, J. L. Banner.

Time and Place: Dewey Gouge, Richard Childress, J. C. Brown.

Nominations: W. W. Braswell, J. A. Ledford, Coleman Johnson.

Resolutions: Mrs. W. H. Daniels, C. H. New, Ed. Buchanan.

The chairman requested Rev. G. D. Danner to introduce the speaker, J. N. Barnette, who gave an interesting address on. "Our Job."

Recess for the noon hour was taken at which time the ladies served lunch.

AFTERNOON FIRST DAY

Devotions were led by Rev. E. M. Johnson.

Rev. J. M. Crow of Illinois was introduced and gave an address, after which J. N. Barnette led a round table discussion on Sunday School work.

Motion was made and carried that Rev. J. Henline preach a sermon at 8 P. M.

The convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. V. W. Greene.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The B. Y. P. U. Convention was called to order at 9:30 A. M., by G. D. Danner, Chairman: Song service led by Coleman Johnson and the devotional program was led by Baxter Ollis.

A committee on nominations was named as follows: Baxter Ollis, Mrs. Vonnie Taylor, Mrs. F. L. McCurry.

Reports were called for and the following Unions reported: Big Meadows, Crossnore, Cranberry, Newland, Oak Grove and Pleasant Hill.

A discussion followed, with the following subjects discussed.

B. Y. P. U. in my life, Mrs. Vonnie Taylor.

B. Y. P. U. in my Church, Mrs. E. L. McCurry.

B. Y. P. U. in my home, Mr. R. T. Teague.

Miss Winnie Rickett, State Secretary gave an inspiring address at the 11 o'clock hour.

The committees on Nominations reported that G. D. Danner had been selected as President of the County Unions for another year.

The Committee on time and place reported that the next session would be held on Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday 1936, at the Pleasant Hill church.

The Committee on Nominations for the Sunday School work reported that Brother K. L. Haga had requested that he be released from the Superintendency of Sunday Schools for the next year and R. T. Teague was named in his place.

The committees on Resolutions read their reports and the Convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. K. L. Haga.

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COMMITTEES

TO WRITE ON FOR 1937 SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS—G. D. Danner, K. L. Haga, Bertha Pritchard.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS--K. L. Haga, R. T. Teague, Kate Sudderth.

B. Y. P. U.—G. D. Danner, J. C. Brown, Sallie F Teague.

W. M. U.—Mrs. R. T. Teague, Mrs. Bertha Pritchard, Mrs. F. Hall.

PERIODICALS—W. A. Braswell, Mrs. E. L. McCourry, Roy McGuire.

EDUCATION—Mrs. Eula Lecka, V. W. Greene, Mrs. G. D. Danner.

MISSIONS—J. C. Brown, D. Buchannan, Alton Shell.

STEWARDSHIP—Roby Painter, Mrs. Vonnie Taylor, Mrs. J. C. Brown.

HOSPITALS—J. G. Benfield, Mildred Pritchard, Dewey Holtsclaw.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF—V. W. Greene, W. W. Pyatte, Baxter. Ollis.

TEMPERANCE—T. F. Cook, Spencer McCloud, W. W. Braswell.

MILLS HOME—Ed. Buchannan, Mrs. J. L. Pyatte, C. E. New.

STATE OF CHURCHES—K. L. Haga, V. W. Greene, Mrs. L. E. Pittman.

FINANCE—J. L. Banner, Baxter, Ollis, L.W. Sudderth.

PASTORIAL SUPPORT—R. T. Teague, Vester Stafford, G. D. Danner.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

G. D. Danner, S. M. Pittman, K. L. Haga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

G. D. Danner, K. L. Haga, J. C. Brown, V. W. Greene and R. T. Teague.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. It shall be composed of Delegates elected by the Churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THEE Delegates, and for every additional Fifty Members or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and the Spiritual power of the churches, and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers and Perogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall have no power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an eccesiastical legislature nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements or upon application of a church for dismission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As constituent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advice when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as Delegates as far as practicable, their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for printing the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

Organization

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Historian, Clerk and Treasurer who shall be elected at each annual session on the last day. The terms of office commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next Association.

Duties of Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Body and superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribution of the same, and to keep on file the printed Minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the money contributed to the Association Fund as directed by the Body and to make an annual report of the same.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the Body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

Rules of Order

1. Meetings

1. The association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.
2. During each session the association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.
3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction. of business.
5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission from the Body.
6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read, or move above during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II Business

1. Call the roll of churches and enroll delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on state of churches.
3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.
4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancies in organization.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of committee on order of business as to subjects and discussions.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.
11. All questions of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of MELL'S PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Green
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pitman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	D. A. Green
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pitman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn.	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Killgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mtn.	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnnson
1930	Roaring Cr.	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	S. M. Pitman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	Memorial Service of N. S. Hampton
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	
1933	Powder Mill	Ed W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mt. Pleasant	Ed W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mtn.	Ed W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield

PROCEEDINGS

The Assosiation met at 10:30 A. M. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. V. W. Greene. In the absence of the Clerk Rev. K. L. Haga was named Clerk. Roll call of churches was made by the Moderator and the church Associationl letters were received. The Messengers were seated upon acceptance of their respective report. The committees appointed at the last session to invite Fall Creek, Mt. Gilead and Mt. Calvary churches to unite with us reported. Fall Creek was received into the Association. Rev. V. W. Greene reported the building of a new church at Heaton under the leadership of Brother Earl McKinzie. The church was received into the Association and rising vote of thanks was extended Brother McKinzie for his efforts in the building the church. The moderator named the following committees to prepare reports for this session.

MISSIONS—W. W. Braswell, V. W. Greene, J. L. Buchannan.

EDUCATION—G. D. Danner, Ed. Buchannan, Mrs. E. L. McCourry.

HOSPITALS—Mrs. J. L. Pyatte, Vester Stafford, C. E. New.

MINISTERAL RELIEF—J. M. Pritchard, D. Buchannan, W. W. Pyatte.

OBITUARIES—J. C. Brown, Mrs. F. Hall, Mrs. Hicks.

PERIODICALS—Mrs. Bertha Pritchard, C. E. New, Russel Norris.

STATE OF CHURCHES—K. L. Haga, J. C. Brown, Dewey Holtsclaw.

FINANCE—J. L. Banner, R. T. Teague, Roy McGuire.

PASTORAL SUPORT—J. A. Ledford, Joe Phillips, Edgar Pritchard.

B. T. U.—J. C. Brown, Miss Sallie F. Teague.

NOMINATIONS—R. T. Teague, J. C. Brown, Spencer McCloud.

TEMPERANCE—J. G. Hughes, Dewey Holtsclaw, D Buchannan.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—K. L. Haga, R. T. Teague.

RESOLUTIONS—V. W. Greene, K. L. Haga, H. F. Ledford.

MILLS HOME—I. G. Greer, Bertha Pritchard, H. S. Burleson.

PLACE AND PREACHER—Jesse Buchannan, J. L. Banner, Richard Trivett.

A round table discussion on Local Conditions, Problems and needs was entered into by a number of pastors and laymen. On motion made by J. A. Ledford, Rev. J. G. Benfield was named to preach the Introductory sermon. He gave an inspirational message on the "Walk to Emmaus". Rev J. C. Brown led in prayer. Announcements were made and the benediction pronounced by Rev. G. D. Danner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met at 1:30 P. M. Song Service led by Green Buchannan. Devotions conducted by Rev. J. C. Brown, Prayer by Mrs. Grace Hall. Dr. I. G. Greer representing Mills Home was introduced and spoke concerning the work of the orphanage. M. A. Huggins was presented and gave an interesting address on "Our Whole Baptist Program". The assignment of delegates to the homes was read by C. E. New and the benediction was pronounced by M. A. Huggins.

SATURDAY AUGUST 22

The association met at 9:30 A. M. Devotions were led by R. T. Teague followed by prayer by K. L. Haga. The report on STATE OF CHURCHES was made by K. L. Haga and the Co-operative program and aims were adopted as outlined on the chart. The report on Sunday schools was made by R. T. Teague and adopted. Reports on B. T. U., W. M. U. HOSPITALS, Ministerial Relief, Temperance, Mills Home, Obituaries, Missions and Education were made and adopted. R. F. Terrel representing Periodicals was introduced and made an address in the interest of the Biblical Recorder. A round table discussion on CHRISTS WORLD PROGRAM was led by Rev. J. C. Brown after which announcements were made and the benediction pronounced by Rev. W. J. Cook.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met at 1:30 P. M. The devotional service was led by Rev. Spencer McCloud. The moderator spoke concerning the need of a monument for the grave of Brother N. S. Hampton. He then asked Joe Phillips to name a committee to raise funds for this cause. Brother Phillips made some appropriate remarks on the cause and named on this committee, Rev, J. C. Brown, Jesse Buchannan, Treasurer and Rev. W. J. Cook, J. L. Banner read the report for the Finance Committee which was adopted. The Clerk asked for a committee to be named to assist with the publication of the minutes. The following were named, G. D. Danner, R. T. Teague, Bertha Pritchard. Report on Nominations was read by R. T. Teague and adopted. Reports on Place and Preacher, Committees for next year, and Resolutions were read and adopted. J. C. Brown spoke concerning the Pastors Conference. Closing remarks were made by R. F. Terrel.

G. D. Danner, Moderator.
K. L. Haga, Clerk.

PASTORS IN AVERY ASSOCIATION

Rev. G. D. Danner, Moderator, Crossnore, N. C.
" K. L. Haga, Clerk and Associational Sunday School Supt. Newland, N. C.
" J. C. Brown, President Pastors Conference, Cranberry, N. C.
" J. G. Benfield, Granite Falls, N. C.
" J. T. McGuire, Linville, N. C.
" V. W. Greene, Cranberry, N . C.
" S. M. Pittman, Newland, N. C.
" W. J. Cook, Boone, N. C.
" Stewart Thompson, Johnson City, Tenn.
" Tipton Greene, Boone, N. C.
" J. G. Hughes, Valley, N. C.
" G. W. Sebastian, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
" Spencer McCloud, Minneapolis, N. C.
" Thomas Deyton, Johnson City, Tenn
" J. M. Whitaker, Johnson City, Tenn.
" Roby L. Painter, Newland, N C

MINISTERS NOT PASTORS

" Warnie Guynn, Elk Park, N.C.
" Dewey Holtsclaw, Elk Park, N. C.
" C. H. New, Pineola, N. C.
" Joe Phillips, Pineola, N. C.
" I. W. Woody, Valley, N. C.
" Ham Hopson, Valley, N. C.
" T. C. Hicks, Valley, N. C.
" L. W. Sudderth, Montezuma, N. C.
" W. A. Braswell, Montezuma, N. C.
" C. A. Guy, Whaley, N. C.

DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE CHURCHES.

Aaron—T. W. Childress, H. F. Ledford, Mrs. Hayes.

Beech Mountain—Roy McGuire, Ida Ramsey, Joe Parlier, Ruby Trivett, A. V. McGuire.

Belview—Julius Ollis, Beunia Cook, Alma Ollis, Maxine Tolley

Big Meadows—Cole Pitman, Lawrence Carpenter, Jerd Pyatte, Mrs. J. L. Pyatte.

Cranberry—Brown Ollis, Mrs. E. L. McCourry, Mrs. Edith Brown, Ruth Moody.

Crossnore—W. W. Benfield, C. L. Franklin, Mrs. J. A. Franklin, Mrs. Coleman Johnson, Lena Johnson.

Chestnut Dale—H. S. Hoffman, Rom Hoffman.

Elk Valley—H. M. Horney, G. C. Pucket, Jess Pucket.

Elk Park—Charles Huskins, Edith Cardwell, Dr. F. P. Guynn.

Flat Springs—Russell Norris, Willie Trivett, Henry Clawson.

Fall Creek—L. L. Storie, T. C. Tester, Basil Tester.

Green Valley—F. J. Hall, R. L. Hall, Jim Puckett, Mrs. R. L. Hall, Mrs. Dock Ollis.

Henson Creek—Hobert Dellinger, Robert Burleson.

Heaton—Earl McKenzie, Fannie Smith.

Jonas Ridge—L. C. Shell, P. A. Shell, Warren Reid.

Minneapolis—W. W. Pyatte, Jessie Grindstaff, Charlie Grindstaff.

Mt. Pleasant--H. S. Burleson, V. S. Johnson Mrs Delzie Daniels.

Newland—Roby A. Shomaker, Mrs. C. M. Lecka, Eloise Teague, Sallie F. Teague, Francis W. Gaines.

Oak Grove—Frank Taylor, J. A. Ledford, J. V. Buchannan.

Pleasant Hill—N. A. Buchannan, Vivian Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Buchannan, Esther Ollis.

Pineola—W. J. Buchannan, Green Buchannan, Bob Hughes.

Pleasant Valley—Minnie Hicks, Navilla Holtsclaw, Dora Guinn.

Powder Mill—Homer Wright, George Watson, Tom Greene.

Yellow Mountain—D. Buchannan, Vester Stafford.

Roaring Creek—Dewey Hughes, W. G. Gouge, Garrett Gouge.

OUR HONORED DEAD

Mrs Nancy Carpenter, Big Meadows
Mrs. Nancy Mayberry, Belview
Mrs. Schyler Johnson Crossnore
George Dean, Chestnut Dale
W. C. Palmer, Elk Park
Joseph Ollis, Green Valley
Miss Nellie McKinney, Oak Grove
Mrs. Callie Stockner, Pineola
Rev. J. L. Martin, Pineola
Mrs. Ada Brown, Pleasant Hill
Mrs. Dave Baker, Pleasant Hill
Rev. David Greene, Pleasant Hill
Deacon Floyd Hicks, Pleasant Valley
Henry Guinn, Pleasant Valley
Miss Nita Buchannan. Powder Mill
Mrs. W. L. Hughes, Roaring Creek
Miss Mattie Parlier, Fall Creek
L. H. Cook, Beech Mountain
Mrs. Inalee Cable, Beech Mountain
Jess Church, Beech Mountain
Mrs. Matilda Dugger, Beech Mountain
Mrs. Roda A. McGuire, Beech Mountain
Mrs. Ronda Phillips, Beech Mountain
Mrs. Martha R. Church, Beech Mountain
Mrs. J. A. Dellinger, Henson Creek

We mourn the loss of these brothers and sisters who have departed this life into the great beyond. We feel that they are far better than we,

J. C. Brown
Mrs. F. Hall
Mrs. Hicks

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Education has become general in every field of service today. We recognize the fact that one must have an intellectual education if he is to cope with his fellowman anywhere. But we also Recognize this more vital fact; that education without Christ and His controlling Spirit is the most dange-ious thing on earth today. Man is of two fold nature, earthly and spiritually, or human and Divine. To develop the human side to the neglect of the Divine we have a vicious animal. To develop the Spiritual without the intellectual we are likely to have a narrow emotional christian void of the equipment necessary to command the respect of this intelligent generation, therefore the Kingdom of God on earth must suffer.

We cannot measure education by the financial side of a school curriculum. Often we are inclined to send our boy or girl to the place that is cheaper, without stopping to count of the cost of the future. It is true that many other schools than our own offer us financial inducements. They have the money and their game is to catch the child. When we give our wholehearted support to this matter of education as other peoples have, we shall be able to cope more closely with them and take our rightful place everywhere in the field of education. Therefore we reccommend the following as guiding principles, and urge that every Baptist father, mother, young man of young woman adhere to the same for conscience sake.

1. That we see to it that wholesome reading matter be placed in our homes.
2. That we demand christian teachers in our public schools.
3. That we refuse to give our support to questionable social activities sponsored by many educational institutions.
4. That we make the most of every opportunity to teach all the commands of Christ, in our churches, Sunday schools and other organizations.
5. That we stand by our denominational schools and do all within our power to make them what ought to be in every respect.

Respectfully submitted by committee:

G. D. Danner
Ed. Buchannan
Mrs. E. L. McCourry

HOSPITALS

Our Hospital at Winston Salem was established in 1922. Its purpose was to provide a hospital for the sick of our state poor or rich. We have there a staff of sixty medical and surgical doctors all good true christians. The Hospital depends upon Mothers Day gifts from churches to provide for treatment of the charity cases. We ask that you bring this to the attention of your people and let us help all that we can during the coming year.

C. H. New
Vester Stafford

MILLS HOME REPORT.

We are caring for children in our Orphanage. This is our big family. We as North Carolina Baptists are responsible for them. The first Sunday in each month our Sunday School offerings should be sent to them. Then our Thanksgiving offerings also goes to them. Many of our Sunday Schools are doing nothing along this line. We reccommend that our leaders go to each Sunday School and instruct them about the Orphanage work. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Fathers is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Respectfully submitted by committee:

Mrs. Edgar Pritchard
H. S. Burleson

PASTORIAL SUPPORT

We find from last years report that our Pastors were paid $1706. This year we paid $1407. Paul said: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach should live by the Gospel" The amount paid our preachers and their families is indecent to say the least. We reccommend that the Deacons in our churches learn what their duties are and get busy on raising Pastorial Support during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by committee—

J. A. Ledford
Joe Phillips
Edgar Pritchard

PERIODICALS

We are judged by what we read. In our homes we should be especially careful of the reading matter placed before our children. We should cultivate a taste for helpful reading matter. We recommend that our Baptist people subscribe for and read our denominational papers, The Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children. We advise especially that our Sunday School and B. T. U. Leaders use the teachers and leaders magazines in their work.

Respectfully Submitted by Committee—

Mrs. Edgar Pritchard
C. E. New

MISSIONS

We rejoice in the record of our Baptist work during the past five years in our state. We recognize new obligation and new opportunities. To meet these we must get a larger vision of raising more money. We urge every church to raise its suggested quota during the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted by Committee—

V. W. Green
J. L. Buchannan

PLACE AND PREACHER

We reccommend that the next session be held with Flat Springs Church and that Rev. S. M. Pittman preach the Annual Sermon

Respectfully Submitted by Committee—

J. G. Buchannan
J. L. Banner

FINANCIAL REPORT

From Churches	$36.97
From S. S. Convention	11.85
Total	$48.82
Paid on old indebtedness	$11.72
Printing 1935 minutes	28.75
Paid Clerk	7.00
Total	$47.48
Balance in Treasury	$1.35

We reccommend that Clerk be paid $8.00, for service provided minutes are printed and distributed in September 1936.

Respectfully Submitted by Committee—

J. L. Banner
R. T. Teague
Roy McGuire

STATE OF CHURCHES

(See Statistical Table)

K. L. Haga, Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

First, That every church next year get their written report and minute fund to the Clerk on the first day of the Association.

Second, That the Program Committee send copies of the Association program to the pastors, Clerks and churches at least 30 days before the Association meets.

Third, That all Pastors of our Association be urged to attend the Associational meetings and remain through every session.

Fourth, That we sincerely request the churches, Pastors and members to enter into more careful work in calling pastors and begin planning the grouping of churches that we may get better pastoral service and thus advance the work of our churches.

Fifth, That we extend a rising vote of thanks to this church of this session of the Association for their hospitality.

Respectfully Submitted by Committee—

V. W. Greene
H. F. Ledford
K. L. Haga, Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE AVERY COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL & B. T. U. CONVENTION AT PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

JULY 23-24, 1936

The Sunday School Convention met with Pleasant Hill Church July 23, at 10:30 A. M.

Rev. Roby Painter led the devotional service, after which the meeting was called to order by the Associational Superintendent, R. T. Teague.

The following were delegates who represented the churches of the convention:

Beech Mountain—Tracy Church.

Yellow Mountain—Ruby, Ruth and Revis Buchanan.

Newland—Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Teague and Mrs. Eula Lecka.

Green Valley—Mrs. Dock Ollis, Mrs. Guy Shufford, Mrs .Fritz Hall.

Minneapolis—Wilburn Pyatte, Maude Buchanan.

Chestnut Dale—Ella May Franklin, Linnie Hicks.

Crossnore—Rev. G. D. Danner..

Big Meadows—O. J. Benfield, Mrs. J. L. Pyatte, Alice Johnson.

Belview—Lucy Cooke.

Mount Pleasant—Mrs. Rich Burleson, Cleona Burleson, Virginia Aldridge.

Cranberry—Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Brown.

Pleasant Hill—Luther Ollis, Nola Hicks, Hazy Greene.

The following committees were appointed:

Resolutions: Wilburn Pyatte, A. L. Miller, Edd Buchanan.

Finance: Rev. J. C. Brown, J. L. Banner, John Hicks.

Time and Place: Dewey Holtsclaw, Tracy Church, Rev. Roby Painter.

Solo: "face to face"—James Brown—Mars Hill College.

Convention Sermon: Fred Lipe, Asheville, N. C. Mr. Lipe spoke on consecration, which was the theme of the Convention.

Miss Mabel Starnes, North Carolina B. T. U. Field Secretary, brought a short message impressing us with the aims, needs, and benefits of the Baptist Training Union. She introduced to the convention the ten workers, who accompanied her to Avery Associaion this week.

Prayer: Rev. G. D. Banner.

Recess for the noon hour was taken at which time the ladies served lunch.

AFTERNOON FIRST DAY

Mr. Teague introduced Miss Helen Melton of Fruitland Institute, who led the devotional service.

The topic for the evening session was Consecrated Teachers and Officers. Mr. Teague led a round table discussion on this topic. Those entering the discussion were Rev. J. C. Brown, Rev. G. D. Danner, Revl. V. W. Greene, Mr. R. T. Teague, Mr. Mr. Nathan Buchanan, Mrs. Dock Ollis.

The convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. Roby Painter.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The B. T. U. Convention was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by Rev. G. D. Danner, Director.

The song service was led by Pleasant Hill choir.

Miss Dephine Penny, Raleigh, N. C. had charge of the devotional period. She was assisted by Misses Eloise and Sallie Teague.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominations—Baxter Ollis, Mrs. E. L. McCourry, Ruth Buchanan.

Aims and Goals—Mrs. J. C. Brown, Alice Johnson, Nora Buchanan.

B. T. U. Organizations represented were as follows:

Beech Mountain—Adult and Junior.
Yellow Mountain—Senior and Junior.
Elk Park—Senior and Junior.
Newland—Senior and Junior.
Pleasant Hill—Senior and Junior.
Big Meadows—Senior and Intermediate.

Mr. Danner opened the discussion on the question, What B. T. U. Means? Others entered the discussion using as subjects:

What B. T. U. Means to a pastor—Rev. K. L. Haga.

What B. T. U. Means to Me—Mrs. Eula Lecka, Tracy Church and Mrs. E. L. McCourry.

Two demonstrations of B. T. U. work were given. Miss Mabel Starnes and the Newland Union gave a fine demonstration of taking records, using the Eight Point Record System. Mr. Fred Lipe and Big Meadows Union gave an example of an interesting Bible quiz as carried on in B. T. U.

Duet: "There's No Friend to Me Like Jesus"—Ted Jolly and James Brown—Mars Hill College.

Miss Starnes brought an inspiring message, using Paul's letters to the young Christians.

The convention adjourned for noon recess with prayer by Rev. K. L. Haga

Lunch was served on the ground by ladies of Pleasant Hill Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The song service was led by the local choir.

Devotional period was led by Miss Florence Johnson—Mars Hill College.

In the absence of Mr. R. T. Teague, the business session of the convention was called by Rev. K. L. Haga.

Reports of committees were read and approved by convention.

Report of committee of nominations for Sunday School read by W. W. Braswell.

Associational Superintendent—Rev. K. L. Haga.

Assistant Superintendent—R. T. Teague.

Secretary and Treasurer—Kate Sudderth.

District Leaders:

Mrs. Fritz Hall—Green Valley, Yellow Mountain, Henson Creek and Powdermill.

Vivian Brown—Roaring Creek, Pleasant Hill, Chestnut Dale and Minneapolis.

Mrs. Robert Cardwell—Belview, Cranberry, Elk Park and Pleasant Valley.

A. V. McGuire—Beech Mountain, Elk Valley and Flat Springs.

Mrs. Eula Lecka—Newland, Oak Grove, Mount Pleasant and Aaron.

C. L. Franklin—Big Meadows, Crossnore, Pineola and Jonas Ridge.

Report of committee on nominations for B. T. U. as read by Baxter Ollis:

Associational Director—Rev. G. D. Danner

Associate Director—Rev. J. C. Brown.

Secretary—Sallie Fleming Teague.

Junior Leader—Mrs. E. L. McCourry.

Intermediate Leader—Mrs. Eula Lecka.

Adult Leader—Truman Church.

District Leaders:

Yellow Mountain, Ruby Buchanan;Pleasant Hill, Baxter Ollis; Cranberry, Rev. J. C. Brown; Beech Mountain, Truman, Church; Newland, Mrs. Vonnie Taylor; Crossnore, Madeline Johnson.

Committee on Time and Place—Report as read by Tracy Church: We, the committee on time and place, upon request, recommend that the next meeting of the Avery Convention be held with the Newland Baptist Church on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday of July 1937.

Committee of Resolutions—The following report was read by W. W. Braswell:

We, your committee on resolutions, beg to submit the following report—

First: Resolved that Avery Association urge our pastors and Sunday School teachers to be more faithful in the Master's service and to seek more earnestly to lead our people to a closer walk with Him.

Second: We urge our people to oppose any gatherings on Sunday that will take people away from their regular places of worship and to do all in their power to increase the attendance at regular services.

Third: We would urge upon all our membership the sacred duty of regular Bible reading. Let us encourage the establishment of family alters.

Fourth: We extend to the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church our thanks for their kindness and hospitality during this session of the convention.

....Finance Committee—J. L. Banner made report that there was an indebtedness on the regular Association for printing of Minutes of $10.50. Suggestion was made that this convention clear the debt, and $11.85 was raised and turned over to Mr. Banner. We left the meeting feeling that a burden was lifted and trusting that the Minute funds will be in and Minutes printed within thirty days after the Associational meeting.

Committee on Aims and Goals for B. T. U.—Report as read by Mrs. J. C. Brown:

First Present unions strive to train every member for greater service in the Master's Kingdom.

Second: Each union try to be a more efficient and able training camp for the young Christians of that church, and strive to make each union in our Association A-1 for the coming year.

Third: At least one B. T. U. in every church in the Avery Association.

....Fourth:....To seek to spread the work Miss Starnes and her co-workers have begun into every church not enlisted this past week, and to keep the zeal and enthusiasm they have given those with whom they have worked.

Song: "Jesus is Calling" by local choir.

The newly elected officers assembled for dedicatory prayer led by Miss Starnes.

Convention adjourned.

(Miss) Alice Johnson, Secretary.

Statistical Table No. 1

CHURCH	PASTOR	SUNDAY SCHOOL Supt.	Baptisms	Church Members	B. T. U.	W. M. U.	Sunday School Enrollment
Aaron	G. W. Sebastian	S. E. Pritchard	10	113			75
Beech Mountain	Stewart Thompson	A. V. McGuire	16	206	47		150
Belview	J. M. Whitaker	A. D. Ollis	2	122			120
Big Meadows	J. C. Brown	O. J. Benfield	5	142	14		129
Cranberry	J. M. Whitaker	Union		140	47		Union
Crossnore	G. D. Danner	C. L. Franklin	8	128	34		130
Chestnut Dale	J. T. McGuire	Rom Huffman		90			105
Elk Valley	Thomas Deaton	H. M. Horney		90			68
Elk Park	Roby Painter	R. E. Cardwell	1	58	39	10	88
Flat Springs	V. W. Greene	J. M. Greene	7	128			60
Fall Creek	Tipton Greene	T. B. Gryder	8	97			97
Green Valley	J. C. Brown	Fritz Hall	5	69			110
Henson Creek	Spencer McCloud	Hobart Dellinger	1	53			73
Heaton	Earl McKinzie	Earl McKinzie					
Jonas Ridge	J. G. Benfield	P. A. Shell	12	38			61
Minneapolis	V. W. Greene	Jessie Grindstaff		122			92
Mt. Pleasant	V. W. Greene	H. S. Burleson		75			70
Newland	Roby Painter	F. W. Gaines	7	169	40	55	193
Oak Grove	J. C. Brown	Joe Phillips	5	65	14		63
Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	Vivian Brown		249	35		150
Pineola	W. J. Cook	Green Buchannan	14	78			195
Powder Mill	J. T. McGuire	George Watson		34			60
Pleasant Valley	V. W. Green	Noah Hicks	1	81			63
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes	J. G. Hughes	1	66			70
Yellow Mountain	J. C. Brown	Vester Stafford		52	30		80

Statistical Table No. 2

CHURCH	CHURCH CLERK	CHURCH TREAS.	Paid Pastors Salary	Local Church Work	Co-operative Program	Orphanage	Other Gifts	Val. of Church Property
Aaron	T. E. Pritchard	Mrs. Edgar Pritchard	$75.00					$4000
Beech Mountain	Truman Church	Arch McGuire	159.83	$117.00	$1.80	$47.60	.	1000
Belview	Dewey Gouge	Julius Ollis	52.72	229.33	.	.	$21.70	800
Big Meadows	Mr.. J. L. Pyatte	J. L. Pyatte	95.76	146.08	.	48.72	.	2000
Cranberry	Brown Ollis	Mrs. E. L. McCourry	55.00	170.74	.	5.89	.	Union
Crossnore	Miss Ella Johnson	Mrs. P. Dellinger	81.42	122.00	5.00	10.00	.	3500
Chestnut Dale	John Franklin	D. S. Huffman	24.95	205.97	27.12	29.08	6.50	3000
Elk Valley	Ralph Horney		45.00	64.11	.	.	.	1000
Elk Park	Mrs. R. N. Cardwell	Mrs. Embree Odon	123.77	63.00	.	.	.	1500
Flat Springs	Russel Norris	Russel Norris	67.65	218.31	12 00	21.52	.	800
Fall Creek	William Dugger	William Dugger	81.75	90.50	.	8.54	.	
Green Valley	Mrs. [illegible] Hall	R. L. Hall	75.49	123.76	.	11.50	5.00	1000
[illegible]	Stella Dellinger	Hobart Dellinger	25.51	200.04	.	.	.	[illegible]
[illegible]			14.00	40.51	.	.	6.60	[illegible]
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie A. Shell	L. C. Shell	[illegible]	221.33	5.00	15.80	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.	9.45	.	1500
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. H. Daniels	H. S. Burleson	[illegible]	61 00	.	.	[illegible]	1500
Newland	Beatrice Bowman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	112.10	51.00	.	5000
Oak Grove	[illegible] Taylor	Richard Wiseman	[illegible]	.	.	18.00	[illegible]	1500
[illegible]	[illegible] Ollis	John [illegible]	[illegible]	259.52	.	26.00		2000
[illegible]	[illegible]	W. J. Buchanan	[illegible]	127.06	6.00	[illegible]	.	5000
Powder Mill	[illegible] Green	[illegible] Green	[illegible]	[illegible]	.	.		[illegible]
[illegible] Valley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.	.		[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] Hughes		[illegible]	[illegible]	.	.	.	[illegible]
Yellow Mountain	[illegible]	Mrs. [illegible] Green	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		750

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COMMITTEES

TO WRITE ON FOR 1938 SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS—Associational Officers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. C. Brown.

B. T. U.—G. D. Danner.

W. M. U.—Mrs. R. T. Teague.

PERIODICALS—Coleman Johnson.

EDUCATION—Miss Alice Johnson.

MISSIONS—R. T. Teague.

STEWARDSHIP—Mrs. Bertha Pritchard.

OBITUARIES—V. W. Greene.

HOSPITALS—J. C. Owen.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF—G. D. Danner.

TEMPERANCE—T. W. Childress.

MILLS HOME—K. L. Haga.

STATE OF CHURCHES—J. C. Brown.

FINANCE—R. T. Teague.

PASTORIAL SUPPORT—A. I. Greene.

Rules of Order

I. Meetings

1. The association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.
2. During each session the association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.
3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission from the Body.
6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of churches and enroll delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on state of churches.
3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.
4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancies in organization.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of committee on order of business as to subjects and discussions.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.
11. All questions of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of MELL'S PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Green
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R, T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	N, S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	D. A. Green
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn.	R. T. Lewis	D Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D Buchanan	D R. Killgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed W Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mtn.	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Cr.	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	S. M. Pitman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	Memorial Service of N. S. Hampton
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	
1933	Powder Mill	Ed W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mt. Pleasant	Ed W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mtn.	Ed W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1937

The Association met at 10:00 a. m. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. V. W. Greene. Roll call of churches was made and the church Associational letters were received. The following visitors were recognized. Rev. J. M. Good, Holston Association: Rev. I. M. Morgan, Johnson City, Tenn.; D. M. Edmisten, Three Forks Association. Also the following new Pastors were presented, Rev's. J.C. Owen, Carl Roberts.

On motion the printed program was adopted. The Moderator named committees on Nominations, Time, Place and Preacher, and Resolutions to report at this session.

The following committee reports were received and brief addresses made: B. T. U. G. D. Danner; W. M. U. Mrs. Bertha Pritchard, Mrs. J. C. Owen; Pastorial support, R. T. Teague. G. D. Danner spoke concerning the results of the recent County-wide Religious census. On motion made by R. T. Teague, Rev. J. C. Owen was invited to preach the introductory sermon in the absence of Rev. S. M. Pittman. New visitors were then introduced as follows: J. C. Pipes, Asheville, N. C.; R. E. Powell, Burnsville, N. C.; M. A. Adams, W. R. Beach. Announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. E. Powell.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met at 1:30 p. m. Devotions were conducted by Rev.. Spencer McCloud. Prayer by Rev. G. D. Danner.

The committtee appointed at last session for raising funds for a Memorial stone to place at the grave of the late N. S. Hampton made their report. A new committee was then appointed to solicit funds and purchase a suitable marker as follows. W. W. Pyatte, Chairman Fritz Hall, Dewey Gouge, J. G. Buchanan, Treas.

A letter of dismissal of the Fall Creek church from the Three Forks Associations was read and on motion the clerk was directed to send them a certifcate of acknowledgment. The following committee reports were received and addresses made on same, Missions, J. C. Owen; Hospitals, J. C. Owen; Ministerial Relief, R. T. Teague. W. R. Beach was introduced and spoke concerning the Biblical Recorder. M. A. Adams addressed the Association on the sub[illegible]ct of Temperance and an offering was received for the support of the work of the United Dry Forces. J. C. Pipes then made an interesting address on Missions. On motion W. R. Beach was selected to preach at the evening service. After announcements and assignment of delegates to the homes the benediction was pronounced by G. D. Danner.

SATURDAY AUG. 21, 1937

The Association met at 10:00 a. m. Devotions were led by Rev. J. C. Brown, Prayer by Rev. V. W. Greene. The report on Sunday schools was received after which Rev. K. L. Haga addressed the Association on the value of Evangelism in the Sunday school. Rev's. Norris of Three Forks Association and J. A. McMillan of Mills Home were introduced. The report on Stewardship was read by Rev. Roby L. Painter. The report on State of Churches was made by Rev. K. L. Haga using the Associational Chart. A number of interesting addresses followed this report. Rev. J. A. McMillan representing our Orphanage work was introduced and preached an inspiring sermon. The clerk called for an offering to apply on the payment of the printed programs. Benediction was pronounced by J. A. McMillan.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met at 1:30 P. M. The Devotional service was led by Miss Alice Johnson. The following reports were read and adopted: Finance, Obituaries, Time-Place-Preacher. The report of Nominating committee was adopted as to election of Treasurer and Historian. On election by written ballot Rev. V. W. Greene was elected Moderator and J. L. Banner, Clerk. Acting upon the suggestion of Rev. J. A. McMillan and upon the motion made by Rev. V. W. Greene the Association unanimously elected Rev. K. L. Haga, Associational Field Worker for the Thomasville Orphanage.

Report on appointment of standing Committees and Executive Committee was read by the Moderator. The Resolutions report was read and adopted after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. V. W. Greene.

G. D. Danner,, Moderator; K. L. Haga, Clerk.

PASTORS IN AVERY ASSOCIATION

Rev. V. W. Greene, Moderator, Cranberry, N. C.
Rev. K. L. Haga, Associational Field Worker, Thomasville

phanage, Newland, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Brown, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Cranberry, N. C.
Rev. G. D. Danner, B. T. U. President, Crossnore, N. C.
Rev. J. T. McGuire, Linville, N. C.
Rev. W. J. Cook, Boone, N. C.
Rev. J. G. Hughes, Valley, N. C.
Rev. Spencer McCloud, Cranberry, N. C.
Rev. J. M. Whittaker, Johnson City, Tenn.
Rev. Carl Roberts, Johnson City, Tenn.
Rev. W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Owen, Spruce Pine, N. C.

MINISTERS NOT PASTORS

Rev. W. A. Braswell, Montezuma, N. C.
Rev. L. W. Sudderth, Montezuma, N. C.
Rev. Thomas Deaton, Johnson City, Tenn.
Rev. C. A. Guy, Whaley, N. C.
Rev. Wood Hall, Newland, N. C.
Rev. Jess Cook, Minneapolis, N. C.
Rev. S. M. Pittman, Newland, N. C.
Rev. I. W. Woody, Lottie, N. C.
Rev. C. H. New, Newland, N. C.
Rev. Warnie Gwyn, Elk Park, N. C.
Rev. Ham Hobson, Valley, N. C.
Rev. T. C. Hicks, Valley, N. C.
Rev. Joe Phillips, Pineola, N. C.

Delegates Appointed By The Churches

AARON—T. W. Childress, Bertha Pritchard, W. W. Braswell.
BEECH MOUNTAIN—Dove Trivett, Truman Church, Elijah Church, D. Jones
BELVIEW—Frank McKinney, T. M. McCloud, A. D. Ollis, Dewey Gouge.
BIG MEADOWS—O. J. Benfield, Lawrence Carpenter, A. C. Caloway.
CRANBERRY—J. C. Brown, Dilla Green, Charles Henson.
CROSSNORE—C. L. Franklin, Vincent Farmer, Alice Johnson. Ella Johnson.
CHESTNUT DALE—
ELK VALLEY—Roy Ward, G. C. Duckett, Otto Norman.
ELK PARK—F. P. Guinn, Hazel Guinn, Edith Cardwell, Mrs. Allen Parlier.

FLAT SPRINGS—J. M. Greene, Henry Clawson, J. L. Greene.
FALL CREEK—C. H. Parlier, L. L. Storie, J. W. Jones, Albert Smith.
GREEN VALLEY—Fritz Hall, Mrs. Fritz Hall, Doris Ollis, Mrs. D. Ollis.
HENSON CREEK—F. E. Braswell, H. R. Dellinger.
HEATON—Fannie Smith, Thomas Smith, Earl McKenzie.
JONAS RIDGE—Nellie Shell, L. E. Shell, Paul Rose.
MINNEAPOLIS—W. W. Pyatte.
MT. PLEASANT—
NEWLAND—Monroe Gragg, Luther Banner, Clifford Craven, Mrs. Mary Smith, Eloise Ford.
OAK GROVE—
PLEASANT HILL—
PINEOLA—Green Buchanan, J. G. Buchanan, R. B. Hughes.
PLEASANT VALLEY—Noah Hicks, Boyd Hicks, J. R. Hagie.
POWDER MILL—Zora Palmer, George Watson, Hick Buchanan.
YELLOW MOUNTAIN—
ROARING CREEK—Garett Gouge, Dewey Hughes, Ford Young.

OUR HONORED DEAD

Deacon C. P. Braswell, Aaron.
Mrs. Rebecca Esteep, Beech Moutnain.
Miss Myrtle Brown, Belview.
Mr. Milligan Carpenter, Big Meadows.
Mr. Will E. Franklin, Big Meadows.
Mrs. Annie Eller, Elk Valley.
Deacon Abe Gwyn, Elk Valley.
Mrs. Elizabeth Hix, Elk Park.
Mr. O. R. Hagie, Elk Park.
Miss Edith Mitchell, Fall Creek.
Mr. Eddie Barrier, Jonas Ridge.
Mrs. Tilda Reid, Jonas Ridge.
Mrs. Grace English, Minneapolis.
Mrs. Rebecca Blackburn, Oak Grove.
Mr. N. A. Buchanan, Pleasant Hill.
Mrs. Catherine Hicks, Pleasant Valley.
Mr. W. L. Hughes, Roaring Creek.

We are sad in our loss of these our brother and sister co-workers. We rejoice with them however in their eternal gain.

K. L. Hag

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Recognizing the lack of properly informed leaders in many of our churches, and a lack of progressive movements as a result. We want to submit the following report.

We believe that God always helps those who help themselves.

We believe that God intends that every one shall know the truth as far as is possible.

We believe that Baptist people are striving, have been striving all through the ages, and are as close to the teachings of God's word as they have been able to find out by intelligent search for truth.

Religious scholars of all creeds who are willing to have the truth recognized, admit that the Baptists have a grip on something fundamental and solid.

We have within seventy miles of our churches Mars Hill College, one that has as high rating as any junior college in America, and along with that, Christian Influence and character building.

Our own Wake Forest College furnishes a large percent of our very best Lawyers, Doctors, Judges, School superintendents and teachers, as well as leaders in every field.

We merely mention the name of Meredith College for girls, Campbell, Chowan, Wingate, and Boiling Springs junior colleges.

May we not soon recognize that we must meet society face to face and, if we are to go forward in Kingdom work, do this intelligently.

No one else is interested in giving our boys and girls the truth as we see it. Then in the name of the Lord Jesus let us quit compromising the truth for a few dollars and give our rising generation a foundation, educationally, that is solid. Only our own institutions will do this. And only this will save our people from every wind of doctrine that is destined to crush us.

Committee did not report; Written by G. D. Danner.

REPORTS

HOSPITALS

(No Report)

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Minister is God's chosen leader in his Kingdom work. These men are the poorest paid men of all labor in our country. Most of the local pastors live on less than one dollar per day, then when they become aged and disabled they are forsaken. We recommend that every church send at least two dollars to the relief of our old preachers.

V. W. Greene, W. W. Pyatte, Baxter Ollis

STEWARDSHIP

We believe that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; it is by his creation. We are the Lord's people by creation and redemption. God has given us a great part in his plan of saving souls. To us of Avery Baptist Association God has entrusted much of the material things. He has given us some fine talent. Surely we should first give ourselves, then a part of our material blessings into God's service. May we be found faithful with our trust.

R. L. Painter

TEMPERANCE

We, your committe, request every minister to keep this vital subject before the people, for as long as we keep a subject before the people it will live.

J. C. Brown

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday Schools in our churches are making small gains We gained in enrollment last year 221 members. Our great need is that we have better trained and more consecrated Superintendents and teachers. Then we should give more attention to Evangelism in the Sunday school. Our church of tomorrow will be made up of the Sunday school of today.

K. L. Haga,
R. T. Teague

STATE OF CHURCHES

(See Statistical Table)
K. L. Haga

FINANCE REPORT

Balance in Treasury 1936	$1.35
Rec'd of K. L. Haga clerk From Churches	39.45
Rec'd from public collection 8-21–37	4.06
TOTAL	$44.86
Expenses, trip to Burnsville for printing minutes	$4.00
Postage, mailing blanks 1937 church letters	1.08
Pd G. D. Danner for ptg and mailing programs	4.00
Check to Edwards Printing Co. for 1936 Minutes	29.00
TOTAL	$38.08
Balance in Treasury	$6.78

We recommend that Clerk be paid $8.00 for his services provided Minutes are distributed by October 15, 1937.

J. L. Banner, Treas.

MISSIONS

We want to thank and praise our good Baptist people for the fine record they have made in mission work for the past few years. We recognize new obligations and new opportunities and we ought to get a vision as the Apostle Paul in Acts 16–9. We urge every church to raise its suggested quota during the coming year.

J. C. Brown, Landon Shell.

TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, with the Green Valley church and that Rev. J. C. Brown preach the Introductory sermon.

Dewey Gouge, W. W. Pyatte, V. W.Greene.

MILLS HOME

The children of our Orphanage home are supported by the products of the orphanage farm, the gifts of produce and the First Sunday offerings of the Baptist churches in North Carolina. We recommend that the Avery Baptist Association put on a special campaign this coming year to more than double our gifts to the home over previous years.

K. L. Haga

PERIODICALS

(No Report)

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED:

First, That we extend to the people of this church and Community a rising vote of thanks for their splendid hospitality and christian fellowship in caring for this session of our Association

Second, That every church is urged to get its written report and minute fund to the clerk on the first day of the session.

Third, That the program committee send copies of the program to the Pastors, Clerks and churches at least two weeks before the Association meets.

Fourth, That all those whose names appear on the program be present or have someone responsible for their part in the meeting and that all Committee Chairmen have their reports ready when they arrive at the Association on the first day.

Fifth, That we work sincerely in our individual churches and with God's help enter more carefully into calling pastors, that fields may be formed where possible and the work grouped so pastors may live with and give better pastoral service to the people.

Sixth, That the church where the Association meets next year co-operate with the Association in keeping away any outside attractions that will draw the attention of our people from the services.

C. L. Franklin, Bertha Pritchard, Alice Johnson.

PASTORIAL SUPPORT

The 2465 members of the 25 churches in Avery County Baptist Association paid the pastors of these churches for the year ending, August 15, 1936, $1536.69. This is a fraction less than 62 1-2 c the member per year. It is exactly 1.2c the member per week. It is less than a postage stamp the member every two weeks. It is less than an egg the member per week.

The 2324 members of the 25 churches in Avery County Baptist Association paid the pastors of these churches for the year ending, August 15, 1937, $1644.68. This is a little more than the

MINUTES

Of The Avery County Baptist Sunday School And Baptist Training Union Convention Held At Newland Baptist Church July 22-23, 1937

The Sunday School Convention met with the Newland Baptist Church July 22 at 10:30 A. M. with the Associational Superintendent Rev. K. L. Haga presiding. R. T. Teague conducted the devotional service. Mrs. Edgar Pritchard was named Secretary. The following churches were represented by their delegates:

Aaron—K. L. Haga, Mrs. Edgar Pritchard.
Beech Mountain—Rev. Carl Roberts.
Belview—Alma McKinley.
Big Meadows—Mahala Kate Pyatte.
Crossnore—Rev. G. D. Danner, C. L. Franklin.
Chestnut Dale—Dewey Johnson.
Green Valley—Mrs. Fritz Hall
Heaton—Earl McKenzie.
Mt. Pleasant—Mrs. Harrison Burleson.
Newland—Frank P. Gaines, R. T. Teague.
Pleasant Valley—Noah Hicks.

Rev. K. L. Haga gave a county wide report of the Sunday School work, after which committees on Nominations, Time & Place and Resolutions were named. At 11 A. M. the main address of the morning was given by the Superintendent on the subject "Sunday School Evangelism". Prayer: Rev. Carl Roberts, Recess for the noon hour was taken at which time the ladies of the church served lunch.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY

Devotional services were led by Rev. Carl Roberts. The following discussions were entered into:

Te Sunday School Teacher as a Soul Winner—R. T. Teague.

The Church using the Sunday School in the Revival Meeting —C. L. Franklin, Mrs. Fritz Hall.

The Sunday School Helping new Converts after the Revival Meeting—G. D. Danner, Carl Roberts.

Prayer—Earl McKenzie.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The B. T. U. Convention was called to order at 10:30 A. M. by Rev. G. D. Danner, Director. The Devotional period was taken up as a group service after which a nominating committee was appointed. B. T. U's. represented were as follows:

Beech Mountain	Senior and Junior
Big Meadows	Senior
Cranberry	Senior and Junior
Crossnore	Intermediate
Green Valley	Junior
Newland	Senior and Junior
Heaton	Senior

At the eleven o'clock hour two interesting addresses were givon "B. T. U. and its Relation To Evangelism" by Rev. Canup and C. B. Steel of Mars Hill.

Prayer—Rev. Canup.

Recess was taken for the noon hour, the ladies of the church serving a plate lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Devotional service was led by Rev. V. W. Greene. A joint business session was held. Committee reports were read and approved. Adjourned with prayer by G. D. Danner.

K. L. Haga, Associational S. S. Supt.
G. D. Danner, Associational B. T. U. Director.
Mrs. Edgar Pritchard, Secretary.

S. S. And B. T. U. Directory of Officers 1937-38

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Associational Superintendent	Rev. J. C. Brown
Assistant Superintendent	R. T. Teague.
Secretary	Mrs. Edgar Pritchard

District Leaders:

Number 1, Mrs. Fritz Hall—
Green Valley, Yellow Mtn., Henson Creek, Powder Mill.

Number 2, Vivian Brown—
Roaring Creek, Pleasant Hill, Chestnut Dale, Minneapolis.

Number 3, Mrs. Robert Cardwell—
Belview, Cranberry, Elk Park, Pleasant Valley.

Number 4, A. V. McGuire—
Beech Mtn., Elk Park, Flat Springs, Fall Creek, Heaton.
Number 5, Mrs. Eula Lecka—
Newland, Oak Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Aaron.
Number 6, C. L. Franklin—
Big Meadows, Crossnore, Pineola, Jonas Ridge.

B. T. U. WORK

Associational Director	Rev. G. D. Danner
Associate Director	Rev. J. C. Brown
Secretary	Sallie Fleming Teague
Junior Leader	Mrs. E. L. McCoury
Intermediate Leader	Mrs. Eula Lecka
Adult Leader	Truman Church
District Leaders:	
Yellow Mtn.,	Ruby Buchanan
Pleasant Hill	Baxter Olllis
Cranberry	J. C. Brown
Beech Mtn.,	Truman Church
Newland	Mrs. Fin Banner
Crossnore	Mahala Kate Pyatte

REPORTS

TIME AND PLACE

We recommend that the time of the B. T. U. Convention be changed to meet on Friday before the fourth Sunday in May and that it be held with the Heaton church, and that the Sunday school convention meet on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July and that it be held with the Big Meadows church.

Earl McKenzie, Cleona Burleson and V. W. Greene.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved: First, That we urge our Pastors and Sunday school teachers to be more faithful in the Master's service, and to seek more earnestly to lead our people to a closer walk with Him.

Second: We urge our people to oppose any gatherings on Sunday that will take people away from their regular places of worship and to do all in their power to increase the attendence at regular services.

Third: We urge upon all our membership the sacred duty of regular Bible reading and the establishment of family Altars.

Fourth: We extend to the Newland Baptist church our thanks for their kindness and hospitality during this session of the Convention.

Mrs. Fritz Hall, Mahala Kate Pyatte

TABLE NO 1. MEMBERSHIPS

Church	Pastor	S. S. Supt.	Address	Preaching Sundays	Church Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	Baptisms	B. T. U.	W. M. U.	Biblical Recorder Subscribers
Aaron	R. L. Painter	S. E. Pritchard	Montezuma	3	112	80				1
Beech Mtn.	Carl Roberts	Jad Walsh	Heaton	1-3	218	141	11	46		
Belview	Spencer McCloud	A. D. Ollis	Cranberry	3	122	115	4			
Big Meadows	J. C. Brown	O. J. Benfield	Pyatte	2	131	160	17	22		
Chestnut Dale	J. T. McGuire	Rom Huffman	Frank	3	90	96				
Cranberry	J. M. Whittaker	Union Sunday School		1	125	Union SS		50		2
Crossnore	G. D. Danner	C. L. Franklin	Crossnore	All	130	143	8	20		8
Elk Park	R. L. Painter	R. E. Cardwell	Elk Park		49	80	1		9	
Elk Valley	W. C. Payne	Roy Ward	Banner Elk	4	86	105				
Full Creek	Tipton Greene	Silas Hodges	Heaton	3	108	67	17			
Flat Springs	V. W. Greene	W. R. Trivett	Whaley	3	125	75	2			
Green Valley	J. C. Brown	Fritz Hall	Spruce Pine	3	70	95				
Heaton	Carl Roberts	Ben Brewer	Heaton	1-3	26	26	13	14		
Henson Creek	Spencer McCloud	Hobart Dellinger	Spear	2	54	60	1			
Jonas Ridge	J. G. Benfield	H. R Clark	Jonas Ridge	3	53	125	10			
Minneapolis	Spencer McCloud	Mack Holtsclaw	Minneapolis	1	114	92				
Mt. Pleasant		No Report Sent To Association								
Newland	J. C. Owen	R. A. Shoemaker	Newland	2-4	166	193	7	40	63	4
Oak Grove		No Report Sent To Association								
Pineola	W. J. Cook	Green Buchanan	Pineola	4	107	126	1			
Pleasant Hill	Spencer McCloud	Vivian Brown	Frank	1	244	150	8			
Pleasant Valley	V. W. Greene	Noah Hicks	[illegible] Park	1	82	63	3			
Powder Mill	J. T. McGuire	George Watson	[illegible]	2	88	60	8			
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes	J. G. Hughes	[illegible] Valley	2	68	71	1			
Yellow Mtn.		No [illegible] Sent To Association								
			Totals		2324	2129	102	192	72	10

TABLE NO. 2 FINANCES

Church	Church Clerk	Address	Church Treasurer	Address	Paid Pastor	Local Church Work	Orphanage	Co-operative Program	Minute Fund	Other Gifts	Total Gifts for all Work	Value of Church Property
Anton	T. E. Pritchard	Montezuma	Mrs. Annie Ledford	Montezuma	$30.00	$90.00	$9.56		$2.00		$131.56	$4,000.
Beech Mountain	Fred Jones	Whaley	Truman Church	Heaton	101.85	160.02		16.47	3.00		371.34	1,000.
Belvon	Dewey Gouge	Cranberry	Dewey Gouge	Cranberry	40.00	93.18		2.00	1.00		136.18	800.
Big Meadows	Mrs. J. L. Pyatte	Pyatte	J. L. Pyatte	Pyatte	83.93	82.40	5.70	3.68	1.25	20.32	203.84	2,000.
Chestontdale	John Franklin	Frank	D. S. Hoffman	Frank	68.00	26.60					94.60	3,000.
Cranberry	Brown B. Ollis	Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCourry	Cranberry	65.00	75.00		2.00	2.00		144.00	Union
Crossnore	Ella Johnson	Crossnore	Mrs. T. P. Dellinger	Crossnore	76.34	197.59	32.85	25.44	5.00		337.22	3,500.
Elk Park	Mrs. B. N. Cardwell	Elk Park	Mrs. E. D. Odom	Elk Park	94.25	139.07	8.73	12.25	2.00		256.30	1,500.
Elk Valley	Ralph Horney	Banner Elk			100.00	12.00			1.00		113.00	1,000.
Fall Creek	William Dugger	Heaton			61.90	76.45	3.25	6.00	1.20		148.80	1,000.
Flat Springs	J. W. Greene	Whaley	Russel Norris	Beech Creek	59.89	63.25			1.00		124.14	800.
Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall	Spruce Pine	R. L. Hall	Spruce Pine	104.07	50.72		7.00	1.00	4.51	167.30	1,000.
Heaton	Earl McKenzie	Heaton	Earl McKenzie	Heaton	134.00	190.03		12.00	1.00		337.03	
Henson Creek	Stella Dellinger	Spear	Orville Stafford	Spear	41.90	6.00					47.90	640.
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie Shell	Jonas Ridge	L. C. Shell	Jonas Ridge	75.00	108.38	36.00	11.00	1.00	3.80	235.18	1,300.
Minneapolis	Stanley Pyatte	Minneapolis	Stanley Pyatte	Minneapolis	50.00	16.00	5.00		1.20		72.20	1,500.
Mt. Pleasant	(No report sent to Association)											
Newland	Beatrice Banner	Newland	Finley Banner	Newland	124.44	213.03	46.44	127.71	3.00	18.85	534.07	5,000.
Oak Grove	(No report sent to Association)											
Pineola	J. G. Buchanan	Newland	W. J. Buchanan	Pineola	42.99	20.67	11.90	18.11	1.50		81.77	3,000.
Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis	Frank	John H. Hicks	Frank	85.00	188.00	85.00	17.21			375.21	3,000.
Pleasant Valley	Mrs. S. M. Presnell	Elk Park	Boyd Hicks	Elk Pa	25.00	8.00	1.00	2.60	1.29		37.89	500.
Powder Mill	T. J. Greene	Senia	T. J. Greene	Senia	94.36	10.21	4.00		1.00		109.57	500.
Roaring Creek	W. G. Gouge	Valley	Jettie Hughes	Valle	12.00	28.00			1.00		41.00	
Yellow Mountain	(No report sent to Association)											
				To	59.98	1855.60	249.58	263.53	31.44	53.48	4100.72	35040

Minutes

OF THE

Twenty-Seventh Annual Session

OF

Avery County Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Green Valley Church

August 25-26, 1938

OFFICERS.
REV. V. W. GREEN, Moderator.
J. L. BANNER, Clerk.
R. T. TEAGUE, Treasurer.
D. BUCHANAN, Historian.

Next Session Will Be At

Fall Creek Church

On THURSDAY And FRIDAY Before The
Fourth Sunday In August 1939
Rev. G. D. Danner To Preach The
Introductory Sermon

MINUTES

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COMMITTEES FOR 1939 Session

ORDER OF BUSINESS--Associational Officers

SUNDAY SCHOOLS--Vivian Brown

B. T. U.--G. D. Danner

W. M. U.--Mrs. J. C. Owen

PERIODICALS--D. Buchanan

EDUCATION--K. L. Haga

MISSIONS--R. T. Teague

STEWARDSHIP--J. C. Owen

OBITUARIES--Brown Ollis

HOSPITALS--E. M. Johnson

MINISTERIAL RELIEF--G. D. Danner

TEMPERANCE--A. I. Green

MILLS HOME--K. L. Haga

STATE OF CHURCHES--Dewey Gouge

FINANCE--R. T. Teague

PASTORAL SUPPORT- Fritz Hall

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

V. W. Green, J. C. Owen, and J. C. Brown.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. T. Teague, chairman; K. L. Haga, V. W. Greene, G. D. Danner, J. L. Banner.

Constitution

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. It shall be composed of Delegates elected by the Churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional Fifty Members or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and reccommend measures for increasing harmony the intellegence and Spiritual power of the churches, and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers And Perogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall have no power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and reccommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself for its objects and for its reccommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements or upon application of a church for dismission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As constituent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advice when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as Delegates as far as practicable their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for printing the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

Organization

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Historian, Clerk and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually immediately after the church letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the 1st day. Their terms of office to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session of the Association.

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Body and superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribution of the same, and to keep on file the printed Minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the money contributed to the Association Fund as directed by the Body and to make an annual report of the same.

Art. 12 It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the Body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES of ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.
2. During each session the association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the body.
3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission from the Body.
6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion,

II. Business

1. Call the roll of churches and enroll delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on state of churches.
3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.
4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancies in organization.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of committee on order of business as to subjects and discussions.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.
11. All questions of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of MELL'S PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	M. L Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	D. A. Green
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn.	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Killgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mtn.	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	S. M. Pitman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	Memorial Service of N. S. Hampton
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	
1933	Powder Mill	Ed W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mt Pleasant	Ed W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mt.	Ed W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W.Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1938

The Association met at 10 A. M. Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Fritz Hall.

Roll call of churches was made and the church Associational letters were received.

The following committees were appointed;

Finance, D. Buchanan, Coleman Johnson, K. L. Haga.

State of Churches, J. C. Brown, K. L. Haga, J. L. Banner.

Motion made by K. L. Haga Art. 8 of the Constitution be changed to elected officers on first day of the Association which was unanimously adopted.

Officers were then elected as follows, to wit; Rev .V. W. Green Moderator, J. L. Banner Clerk, R. T. Teague Treasurer and D. Buchanan Historion.

The following visitors were recognized, Mr. Morrow, Mr. R. L. West and Prof. I. L. Greer.

Mr. Coleman made an address on Christain Literature, Charity and Children and Biblical Recorder.

The Moderator named the committee on Time, Place and Preacher, as follows, viz: D. Buchanan, Dewy Gouge and Fritz Hall.

The following committee reports were received and brief addresses were made: B. T. U. Rev. G. D. Danner, Hospital Dr. J. C. Owen.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Resolutions viz. G. D. Danner, K. L. Haga and R. A. Shomaker.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Brown.

Text, St. Matthew 1, 1st to 27th vs.

Announcements made and benediction by M. A. Huggins.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met at 1 P. M.

Devotions were conducted by Dr. J. C. Owen.

The following committee reports were received and addresses made on same,

Oxford Orphanage	Rev. K. L. Haga
W. M. U.	Mrs. R. T. Teague
Temperance	T. W. Childers
Stewardship	Mrs. S. E. Pritchard

I. G. Greer was introduced and made an address on Oxford Orphanage.

M. A. Huggins was introduced and made an address on Cooperative Programme.

Mrs. Vonna Taylor read a resolution asking all members of Avery Association to fight evil of liquor.

After announcments and assignments of delegates, benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. D. Danner.

FRIDAY AUGUST 26th 1938

The Association met at 9:40 A. M. Devotional led by Rev. K. L. Haga, 19th Chapter Matthew 16th vs. to end of chapter.

Prayer by Dr. J. C. Owen.

Report on Missions was presented and read by R. T. Teague.

A Promotional Committee was appointed as follows, to wit, Dr. J. C. Owen Chairman, Mrs. J. C. Owen, R. T. Teague, G. D. Danner and J. C. Brown.

Rev. K. L. Haga was elected Field Worker for Thomasville Orphanage.

A subscription was made to pay for printing the program and $5.00 was donated leaving a balance of 50 cents to go in the minute fund.

Report on Ministerial Relief Rev. G. D. Danner.

Report B. T. U. G. D. Danner

Finance Report R. T. Teague

Time and Place D, Buchanan, Dewy Gouge and Fritz Hall.

Sunday Schools J. C. Brown

A number of interesting addresses followed. Mrs. J. C. Owen and Rev. P. L. West made excellent addresses.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. C. Brown.

FRIDAY EVENING

The Association met at 1 P. M. and Devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. T. McGuire.

The Committee appointed in 1937 relative to Monument for the late Rev. Noah Hampton (W. W. Pyatte, Fritz Hall and Dewy Gouge) made full report and was discharged.

Committee on Balm and Mt. Gilied churches was continued.

Pastoral Support	I. G. Greene
Ministerial Relief	G. D. Danner

Committees appointed made their report as to time and place as follows, to wit;

Time, Thursday and Friday before 4th Sunday in August 1939.

Rev. G. D. Danner to preach the introductory sermon.

Obituaries Rev. V. W. Greene

A preachers Conference was organized and the following officers were elected, to wit;

K.L. Haga, President

Executive Committee was elected V. W. Greene, R. T. Teague, K. L. Haga, G. D. Danner and J. L. Banner.

The following were elected to attend State Convention, V. W. Greene, J. C. Owen and J. C. Brown.

Resolution Committee made their report, K. L. Haga, G. D. Danner and R. A. Shomaker.

Resolutions report read and adopted. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. C. Hicks.

V. W. Greene Moderator J. L. Banner, Clerk

PASTORS OF AVERY COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rev. V. W. Greene, Moderator Cranberry, N. C.
Rev. K. L. Haga, Associational Field Worker Thomasville Orphanage Newland, N. C.
Rev. G. D. Danner, President B. T. U. Crossnore, N. C.
Rev. Roby Painter Balm, N. C.
Rev. W. C. Payne Blowing Rock, N. C.
Rev. Spencer McCloud Cranberry, N. C.
Dr. J. C. Owen Newland, N. C.
Rev. J. M. Whitaker Johnson City, Tenn.
Rev. Clayton Brown Boone, N. C.
Rev. Tipton Greene Boone, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Brown Cranberry, N. C.
Rev. Roy Burgner Johnson City, N. C.
Rev. J. L Dellinger Spear, N. C.
Rev. J. T. McGuire Altapass, N. C.
Rev. W. J. Cook Boone, N. C.
Rev. J. G. Hughes Valley, N. C.

MINISTERS NOT PASTORS

Rev. L. W. Sudderth Montezuma, N. C.
Rev. W. A. Braswell Montezuma, N. C.
Rev. C. A. Guy Whaley, N. C.
Rev. Joe Phillips Pineola, N. C.
Rev. C. H. New Nebo, N. C.
Rev. I. W. Woody Lottie, N. C.
Rev. S. M. Pittman Minneapolis, N. C.
Rev. Warney Guynn Elk, Park, N. C.
Rev. T. C. Hicks Hughes, N. C.
Rev. C. M. Thomas Valley, N. C.
Rev. Ham Hopson Valley, N. C.

DELEGATES APPOINTED BY CHURCHES

Aaron, T. W. Childers, Rev. Roby Painter
Beech Mountain, Leonard Storie, T. F. Cook, A. V. McGuire, Elijah Chouch and Dudley Trivett.
Belview Julius Ollis, Rhetta Gouge, Grace Ollis and Dewy Gouge.
Big Meadows Mrs. Vada Carpenter, N. J. Carpenter, O. J. Benfield, A. C. Calloway.
Crossnore Mrs. Tom Dellinger, Mrs. Frank Clark, Mrs. Arlon Franklin, and H. B. Gray.
Cranberry Brown B. Ollis, Mrs. E. L. McCourry, Mrs. O. L. Wright.
Chestnut Dale Dewey Johnson, Rom Huffman, Carl Johnson.
Elk Park Mrs. Gus Bowers, Mrs. Allen Parlier, Mrs. F. P. Guinn
Elk Valley Roy Ward, G. C. Puckett, H. M. Horney, D. T. Bailiff.
Heaton Novell Cook, Albert Smith, Frank McGuire.
Flat Springs A. I. Greene, D. M. Greene, John Phillips,
Green Valley Ben Franklin, Avery Hoilman, Mrs. Guy Shuford.
Heaton Thomas Smith, Crandall McGuire, Earl McKenzie.
Henson Creek F. E. Braswell, Mrs. F. E. Braswell.
Jonas Ridge Mrs. Nellie, Shell, Margarite Clark, P. A. Shell.
Minneapolis R. Z. Burleson, W. W. Pyatte, Jeff Pyatte and Mack Holtsclaw.
Mt. Pleasant H. S. Burleson, Marion, Hicks.
Newland J. L. Banner, J. M. Gragg, Mrs. Eula Lecka, Mrs. Ethel Shirley.
Oak Grove Mrs. Vonnie Taylor, Arlington Taylor, J. A. Ledford and Minnie Taylor.
Pineola W. J. Buchanan, J. V. Buchanan, Cecil Farthing.
Pleasant Valley Roy Hagie, Matilda Holtsclaw, Novella Holtsclaw.
Pleasant Hill Mrs. Vinia Brown, Mrs. Pansie Green, Mrs. Margie Ollis Miss Pearl Ollis.
Powder Mill. Will McKinney, Geo. Watson, Hick Buchanan, Hiram Osborne.
Roaring Creek Dewy Hughes, Ford Young, T. C Hicks W. G. Gouge.
Yellow Mountain D. Buchanan.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem represents the cooperative effort of North Carolina Baptists to do their share toward healing humanity's ills. This hospital "Was established for the purpose of furnishing hospital treatment for the sick of the entire state, especially for those not able to pay for hospital treatment ." It is now fifteen years old. Up to March 10, of this year the hospital has treated 39,712 patients An average of 338 a month are received into the hospital. In 1937 the hospital gave free service to the value of $195,300.00. People of all religious faith or no religious faith are admitted. For the support of this charity work all the Baptist churches of the state are asked to make contributions. In this way we all join hands to save the lives and restore the health of our less fortunate brethren. Send all contributions to "North Carolina Baptist Hospital," Winston-Salem, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Owen.

OUR HONORED DEAD

Deacon George W. McGuire, Heaton, N. C.
Mrs. Sarah Jones, Heaton, N. C.
Mrs. Jane Church, Heaton, N. C.
Mrs. Martha E. Church, Heaton, N. C.
Tom Mayberry Cranberry, N. C.
Harrison Oakes, Cranberry, N. C.
Mrs. Opal Johnson, Frank, N. C.
Mrs. Rose Edna Frantz, Elk Park, N. C.
Mrs. Carolina Parlier, Heaton, N. C.
William McCloud, Heaton, N. C.
Mrs. Georgia Sparks, Minneapolis, N. C.
Mrs .Pauline Buchanan, Hughes, N. C.
Lee Hughes, Hughes, N. C.
Samuel, Wilson Hughes, N. C.
Marcua Johnson, Hughes, N. C.
Mrs. Lois Shomaker Duncan, Newland, N. C.
Infant Sadie Jane Greene, Newland, N. C.
Ham Presnell, Elk Park, N. C.
Jones Buchanan, Frank, N. C.
Zeb McCoury, Frank, N. C.
Mrs. E. S. Stafford, Spear, N. C.
D. H. Rhine Spear, N. C.
Azar Franklin, Pyatte, N. C.
Mr. R. L. Puckett, Banner Elk, N. C.
Mrs. Vonnie Puckett, Banner Elk, N. C.
Mrs. Callie D. Norman, Banner Elk, N. C.

We regret the loss of these friends, but their memories will never die.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

To our shame and neglect many worthy ministers and their widows have suffered severely in old age. Men of God who have given the best of their life, often times for a mere pittance, are forced to fall back on un welcomed dependents, when they are no longer able to carry on physically.

For a number of years our Relief and Annuity Board has been striving to meet the needs of these wornout servants of God. There are now in North Carolina fifty-nine who are drawing a meager sum through this board. Plans so far have proven unable to meet the needs. We understand that there is now in the making other plans whereby our State Mission Board in cooperation with pastors may make it possible for all of God's men and women to have the assurance of being cared for when they are no longer able to earn their livelihood by physical labor. (For full information write Secretary M. A. Huggins, Raleigh, N. C. and Secretary Releif and Annuity Board, Dallas Texas. (T. J Watts.)

May Avery Association be among the first to accept our responsibility in making it possible for these men whom we love so dearly to spend their remaining days free from the anxiety of material things and give their best to us in the Master's Service.

Respectfully submitted, G. D.Danner

STEWARDSHIP

Knowing the earth is the Lords and we are his stewards we believe we should give more into the Masters work.

We should first give ourselves and then part of our material blessings to Him.

May we hear Him say to us "Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many."

May we be faithful to our trust

Mrs. S. E. Pritchard

TEMPERANCE

Intemperance is enemy number one of the human race Medical science has shown that many children of parents who drink alcoholic beverages die under the age of two years, and what is worse the ones that live pass on the evils to other generations. Under the influence of drink we cannot serve God, but are under the influence of Satan. Satans crowd tells us to take a drink, it will be no harm but it will make us feel good. The first sin of the world was caused by listening to Satan, and the devil is still on the job. We should be temperant in all things but the only safe thing to do with liquor is to touch not, taste not, handle not.

The time to begin teaching is at the mothers knees and both parents should teach by precept and example then it should be continued in schools and of course should be taught and practiced in the church I have heard of a noble saying that what they were they owed to their mother, and I have heard of condemned criminals condemning their mothers for their plight. We hope the parents of this association will train their children to be Christians and not sinners and criminals.

T. W. Childress

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from J. L. Banner	$40.35
Received from Ed Buchanan, Pleasant Hill	.50
Received from Can Hicks, Pleasant Hill	1.40
Total	$42.25
Paid Avery Advocate, Printing Minutes	$34 00
Paid K. L. Haga, Clerk Printing Minutes	8.00
Total	$42.00
Balance in Treasury	.25

We recommend that Clerk be paid $8.00 for services in printing minutes provided they are distributed by October 15, 1938.

R. T. Teague
Treasurer

MISSIONS

The command to carry the gospel to every creature unto the untermost parts of the earth was given over nineteen hundred years ago. Fully half of our Baptist people have never heard this all important command, and fully half of those who have heard have never made any effort to obey it. How any one can claim to be a follower of Christ and make no effort to carry out his last and final request cannot be explained!

May God help every Baptist in every church in the Avery Association to hear and heed the urgent call for missions. The time is ripe for action.

R. T. Teague
Committee

TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

We your committee on time and place, reccommend that the next session of this association meet with Fall Creek church, 4 miles north of Heaton. To meet on Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1939 and that Rev. G. D. Danner preach the introductory sermon.

Signed by committee
D. Buchanan
Dewey Gouge
Fritz Hall

MILLS HOME

We live in a day of rapid changes and many experiments. We have tax supported welfare work which is destined to increase but it will never meet adequately the needs of child welfare. Our private agencies will continue to be of great importance in caring for the physical, mental and Spiritual growth of thousands of our youth.

In whatever changes may take place we are sure that our Baptist people of N. C. will stand by the great work of leaders in caring for our children in Mills Home and Kennedy Home.

We earnestly urge every church in the Avery Association to send a monthly offering from their church and Sunday School and especially to make a beautiful donation of canned goods and other supplies during the Thanksgiving season this year.

Respectfully Submitted
K. L. Haga

PASTORIAL SUPPORT

The members of the 25 churches of the Avery County Baptist Association paid the pastors of these churches $1536.69 in the year ending August 1936 and $1644.98 in the year ending August 1937.

In the year ending August 1938 these churches paid $2359.48 which is a gain over last year of $71.50. May God help us as his servants to strive to do our duty in the support of our pastors.

A. I. Greene

REPORT OF W. M. U. WORK

It has been said that there is no standing still in the Lord's work That we are either retrograding, that is, going backward or we are going forward. That being true I am glad to say that we are going forward in our W. M. U. work, since we have two more organizations at this time than we had a year ago. We have more than met our opportionments in every instance, which means we are going forward in our gifts.

We have given to Missions this year $115.65. Our aim was only $113.00.

During the past year we have held six mission study classes, and we have awarded 49 seals.

We feel that the coming of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Owen to our Association since our last meeting will prove a valuable asset to the work. Their broad missionary vision and years of experience on the Foreign field together with their devotion to the cause and years of training for the work cannot help but inspire us to greater efforts along all lines of the work.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. R. T. Teague
Newland, N. C

B. T. U. REPORT, 1938

We wish to report the following and submit it as a complete Record of our B. T. U. work instead of printing in the minutes the detailed records as has been our custom for the past few years.

Our goal is, and has been, "A well organized and functioning B. T. U. Department in every church just as soon as the churches will assume the responsibility and agree to carry on the work.

We have not yet reached our aim, but we are grateful to our Master and others who have been loyal and faithful in doing what we have been able to do.

We held our regular annual meeting with the Heaton church on Friday May 20, this year. This meeting was a highlight and well attended. Thirteen of our twenty-five churches were represented by messengers. Their reports show that at that date we had in the association: 3 Adult Unions; 3 Senior Unions; 1 Intermediate; 4 Junior unions. We rejoice in the organizations of more Adult unions.

Our program for the day was, both well performed and instructive. For the eleven o'clock hour our guest speaker, Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the Baptist church, Boone, brought a most earnest and instructive messenge along the line of Investments in the Best. The number of local speakers did themselves credit and brought rich blessings to us. We rejoice in that we have a number of useful men and women, who give the B. Y. P. U. credit for starting them in channels of service.

Instead of just one annual meeting we are to have quarterly meetings this year. On Sunday afternoon, August 21, we met with the Cranberry church for the first of these meetings. We had a fair group and a number of churches represented. We are expecting the meetings to grow in numbers, and, continue to glow in the spirit of consecration and helpfullness. Our next meeting will be with Oak Grove church, Sunday afternoon, November 20. The Third quarterly meeting will be with the Elk Park Church Sunday afternoon of the Third Sunday in February. And our annual meeting again on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in May 1939, meeting with Crossnore church.

The following were chosen to lead us for this year.

Director	G. D. Danner
Asst. Director	J. C. Brown
Secretary	Miss Sallie Fleming Teague
Adult Leader	Truman Church
Intermediate Leader	Mrs. J. C. Owen
Junior Leader	Mrs. E. L. McCoury

District Leaders Mrs. H. R. Buchanan
Miss Mae Hicks
Brown Ollis
Stewart McGuire
Mrs. Vonnie Taylor
Miss Mahala Kate Pyatte

We went on record as opposing alcoholic beverages in any form or for any use as a beverage, and pledged ourselves not to support anyone for office who is known to be condoning to such practice.

We covet your prayers, support, presence, and service, for our work. We are aware that this is one of the most responsible places of service in our entire Association.

Christians of all ages need to become better and more useful Christians. There is a place for the oldest and youngest in our B. T. U. organizations. We want every Pastor, Preacher, Deecon, Layman, both men and women in our association enlisted in this work. We challenge you to give it a fair and devoted chance in your life.

One request we want to make of you that you devise someway whereby the B. T. U. may be directly under your control and supported financially by you.

Our organization is just the training baby in the development. When we get your best then we will give you in return our best with multiplied interest.

Respcctfully submitted
G. D. Danner

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Once again the sweet sleep of death has closed the eyes and stilled the hands and made silent the voices of many of our loved ones yet missing them we know that dust to dust and ashes to ashes was not spoken of the soul there is a land that is fairer than day and whither do the Lords own go.

This year 22 have gone home from the ranks of our faithful in this Association and if a man believe in me though he were dead yet shall he live.

In Memoriam
Committee
V. W. Greene

REPORT ON MONUMENT

To the Avery County Baptist Association.

We the committee appointed by the 1937 association to solicit funds and erect a marker at the grave of Rev. Noah Hampton beg leave to submit the following report.

Recieved:

August 20, 1937 from Green Valley church	$ 5.50
August 20, 1937 from Crossnore church	10.00
September 7, 1937 from Mt. Pleasant church	7.25
November 25, 1937 from Big Meadows church	4.50
April 17, 1938 from Mr. Fritz Hall	1.00
April 17, 1938 from Odell Hampton	10.00
Total	$38.25

The committee donated commissions and with the above amount was able to purchase a monument valued at $57.50. This monument was erected during the month of May.

Respectfully Submitted
W. W. Pyatte, Chairman
Fritz Hall
Dewey Gouge

RESOLUTIONS

First, That we extend to the people of this church and Community a rising vote of thanks for their splendid hospitality and christian fellowship in caring for this session of our Association.

Second, That we go forward in the same spirit of fine fellowship and cooperation that has been manifest in this session, to advance the building of the Kingdom in our churches.

That we ask the church where the Association meets next year to continue to cooperate with the Association in keeping away any outside attractions, that will draw the attention of our people from the services.

G. D. Danner
K. L. Haga
R A. Shomaker

Resolved;

1-That it is the sense of this association that no member of a Baptist church should engage in the manufacture, transportation, sale or use as a beverage, for any intoxicating drink, whether it be beer, wine, whisky, brandy, or any other intoxicating drink whatsoever. Our church covenant requires this.

2-That we hold that no church member should engage in the modern mixed dances. It is especially offensive to us for church members to engage in such dances where intoxicating drinks are sold.

3-We believe that it will promote the causes of Christ if every church in our association will withdraw fellowship from every member who engages in either of these wrong things.

4-That the churches constituting this association with all their members do stand for and should stand for truth and honesty and purity and cleanliness in politics. We believe that every member of any Baptist church who corrupts the ballot by buying or selling a vote should be excluded from his church.

Resolved further, That we hereby declare our intention to stand for the repeal of every law which legalizes the making, sale, importation, transportation, or use of intoxicating drinks, and the complete suppression of the beverage alcohol traffic, legalized or illegal, and that we will support only such candidates for office as hold and promote these views.

Resolved further, that we hereby pledge ourselves to pray and work for such a spiritual revival as will bring all our churches fully into line with Bible Standards for churches of Jesus Christ.

Resolved That this Associotion, representing approximately 70 percent of the church membership of Avery county request the county commissioners not to issue license to sell beer or wine or any other intoxicating drinks within the county to any person or persons until the good people of the county represented by the United Dry Forces of the county be given an open hearing on this matter.

Resolved, That we as an association instruct our officers and agencies to take all the facts of our Baptist program to all churches early in this associational year.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that no singing convention or such like meeting should ever be held in this county at such a time as to conflict with any regular service of any of any of the churches.

J. C. Owen

MINUTES OF THE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Time	July 22, 1938
Place	Big Meadows Baptist Church

Program As Carried Out

10:00 a. m.	Song service by congregation
10:15 a. m.	Devotion and Prayer by Mrs. Eula Lecka. Subject, "Fishing For Men"
10:45 a. m.	Roll call of Sunday Schools by the Moderator

Sunday Schools Represented

Beech Mountain	Rev. J. C. Brown
Big Meadows	J. L. Pyatte, A. C. Callaway, Ben Ray
Chestnut Dale	Rev. J. C. Brown
Cranberry	Rev. J. C. Brown
Green Valley	Mr. Ben Franklin, Mrs. Ben Franklin, Bob Hall
Newland	Miss Katherine Lecka, Miss Sallie Teague, Tom Key
Oak Grove	Mrs. Arlington Taylor
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Luther Ollis, Miss Pearl Ollis, Miss Orpha Ollis

11:00 a. m.	Appointment of Committees as follows:
Time and Place	Tom Key, Ben Franklin, Mrs. J. L. Pyatte
Resolutions	R. T. Teague, Mrs. Arlington Taylor, Mrs. Luther Ollis

Song By Congregation

11:15 a.m. Qualifications of a teacher by: Mrs. Eula Lecka, J. L. Pyatte, R. T. Teague, Rev. J. C. Brown in the absence of Rev. J.T.McGuire

12:00 noon	Dinner on ground
1:00 a. m.	Report on Committees as follows:

Time and Place

We as your committee, suggest that our next Sunday School Convention meet with Yellow Mountain church and that Rev. G. D. Danner preach the eleven o'clock sermon, and that we hold our next convention on Friday before the 4th Sunday in June.

Signed
Tom Key
Ben Franklin
Mrs. J. L. Pyatte

Resolutions:

We your committee on Resolutions wish to say that we urge our pastors, officers and teachers to be more faithful in service, to be winners of the lost, to lead all closer to God.

That we urge our people to avoid any gatherings on Sunday morning that will lead any from our regular service.

That we extend to Big Meadows Baptist church our thanks for their generous hospitality and kindness to us.

Signed
R. T. Teague
Mrs. Arlington Taylor
Mrs. Luther Ollis

1:30 p. m. Six Point Record System by R. T. Teague

2:00 p. m. Business Session, Electing of officers, R. T. Teague in charge

Officers are as follows:

Superintendent	Vivian Brown
Secretary	Mahala Kate Pyatte
District Leaders:	
District No. I	Mrs. Fritz Hall
District No. II	Miss Orpha Ollis
District No. III	Dewey Gouge
District No. IV	Steward McGuire
District No. V	Mrs. Arlington Taylor
District No. VI	Mrs. Jones Stamey

2:30 p. m. Adjournment

TABLE NO. 1. MEMBERSHIP

Church	Pastor	S. S. Supt.	Address	Preaching Sundays	Church Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	Baptisms	B. T. U.	W. M. U.	Bibical Recorder Subscribers
Aaron	R. L. Painter	S. E. Pritchard	Montezuma	3	113	60	3			1
Beech Mtn.	W. C. Payne	Jud Walsh	Heaton	3	218	212	7	47		
Belview	Spencer McCloud	A. D. Ollis	Cranberry	3	117	116	1			
Big Meadows	J. C. Brown	Curtis Franklin	Pyatte	2	108	160				
Chestnut Dale	Clayton Brown	Rom Huffman	Frank	2	92	110				
Cranberry	J. M. Whitaker	Union	Cranberry	1	52	65	1	50		3
Crossnore	Dr. J. C. Owen	Karl Gallager	Crossnore	1-2-3-4	147	91	9 - 1	During school term		3
Elk Park	Roby Painter	R. E. Cardwell	Elk Park	1-3	61	81	13			
Elk Valley	W. C. Payne	H. M. Horney	Banner Elk	4	103	125	18			
Fall Creek	Tipton Greene	L. L. Storie	Heaton	3	104	67	1			
Flat Springs	V. W. Greene	A. I. Greene	Whaley	3	144	75	15			
Green Valley	J. C. Brown	Fritz Hall	Ingalls	4	76	101	2			
Heaton	Roy Burgner	Crandall McGuire	Heaton	2-4	25	45	5	20		
Henson Creek	J. L. Dellinger	Hobart Dellinger	Spear	2	56	66				
Jonas Ridge	Dr. J. C. Owen	H. R. Clark	Jonas Ridge	3	55	96		14		4
Minneapolis	Spencer McCloud	Mack Holsclaw	Minneapolis	4	115	57	2			
Mt. Pleasant	J. T. McGuire		Hughes	4	58	66	8			
Newland	Dr. J. C. Owen	J. M. Gragg	Newland	1-2-4	168	143	5	35	71	15
Oak Grove	V. W. Greene	M. V. Vance	Newland	2	68	46	4			1
Pineola	W. J. Cook	W. J. Buchanan	Pineola	4	77	79				
Pleasant Hill	Spencer McCloud	Ira Pritchard	Frank	1-3	210	163	14			
Pleasant Valley	V. W. Greene	Noah Hicks	Elk Park	2	80	63	3			
Powder Mill	J. T. McGuire	George Watson	Senia	2	41	55	2			
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes	W. G. Couge	Valley	2	78	78	11			
Yellow Mountain	Dr. J. C. Owen	Harry Richardson	Spear	4	48					1

TABLE NO 2 FINANCES

Church	Church Clerk	Address	Church Treasurer	Address	Paid Pastors	Local Church Work	Orphanage	Cooperative Program	Minute Fund	Other Gifts	Total Gifts for all Work	Value of Church Property
Aaron	T W Childress	Montezuma	Mrs Hettie Loven	Montezuma	$65.00	$205.60	$16.54	$9.00	$2.00		$346.72	$4000.
Beech Mtn.	Fred Jones	Whaley	Truman Church	Heaton	216.97	204.63	5.00	35.51	3.00	31.60	421.90	1000
Belview	Dewey Gouge	Cranberry	Bertie McCloud	Cranberry	37.20	79.80			1.50		118.50	800.
Big Meadows	Mrs J. L. Pyatte	Pyatte	J L Pyatte	Pyatte	54.88	91.97	3.00		2.00		151.85	2000.
Chestnut Dale	Nettie Farmer	Frank	D. S Huffman	Frank	93.19						117.22	3000.
Cranberry	Brown B Ollis	Cranberry	Mrs L. L. McCourry	Cranberry	69.00	346.00	9.00		2.00		361.64	
Crossnore	Mrs Frank Clark	Crossnore	Mrs Tom Dellinger	Crossnore	215.78	99.08	25.40	121.58	3.65		464.89	3500.
Elk Park	Mrs R. N Cardwell	Elk Park	Mrs E D. Odom	Elk Park	76.57				2.00		411.38	1500.
Elk Valley	J A Norman	Banner Elk			171.65				1.00		367.00	1000.
Fall Creek	J T Norris	Heaton			94.99				1.50		151.70	1000.
Flat Springs	W C Phillips	Whaley	Russell Norris	Beech Creek	54.58				1.30		28.00	800.
Green Valley	Mrs Fritz Hall	Spruce Pine	R. L Hall	Spruce Pine	122.19	64.52			2.00	6.50	233.65	1500.
Heaton	Crandall McGuire	Heaton	Gladys McGuire	Heaton	144.55	155.04			1.00		299.59	
Henson Creek	Stella Dellinger	Spear	Hobart Dellinger	Spear	34.93	25.00			1.00		60.93	640.
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie Shell	Jonas Ridge	L. C. Shull	Jonas Ridge	79.04	33.47	34.93	17.62	1.03		166.60	1300.
Minneapolis	Maude Buchanan	Minneapolis	Maude Buchanan	Minneapolis	44.00	36.00			.40		80.90	
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. H Daniels	Newland	H S. Burleson	Newland	80.02				.60		80.62	1500.
Newland	Beatrice Banner	Newland	Finley Banner	Newland	350.00	675.00	155.87	143.80	5.75		947.75	5000.
Oak Grove	M B Vance	Newland	J A. Ledford	Newland	59.74				2.00		59.64	
Pineola	J G Buchanan	Newland	W J Buchanan	Pineola	29.25	28.58	19.28	7.00	1.70	21.18	104.29	3000.
Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis	Frank	John Hicks	Frank	78.95	99.97	28.21		2.00	23.21	900.50	3000
Pleasant Valley	Theresa Hicks	Elk Park	Boyd Hicks	Elk Park	40.00	58.65		1.00	1.50	60.00	159.65	500
Powder Mill	T J Greene	Senia	W G.Greene	Senia	72.77				1.00		73.77	500.
Roaring Creek	W G Gouge	Valley	Jeff Hughes	Valley	27.35	22.00			1.00		50.35	
Yellow Mountain	D Buchanan	Spear	Miss Ruth Green	Spear	97.62	94.74	3.37		1.00		98.11	300.
				Total	2381.01	2320.35	300.60	215.14	141.99	142.49	6283.75	32840.00

Minutes

OF THE

Twenty-Eighth
Annual Session

of

Avery County Baptist Association

Held With

Fall Creek Church, October 19th & 20th, 1939

OFFICERS

REV. V. W. GREENE, Moderator
L. Haga [redacted], Clerk
J. M. PRITCHARD, Treasurer
R. T. TEAGUE, Historian

Next Session Will Be At
Newland Church

ON THURSDAY And FRIDAY BEFORE THE
Fourth Sunday In August, 1940
Rev. Roby Painter To Preach The
Introductory Sermon

K. L. Haga - Newland N. C.

MINUTES

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COMMITTEES FOR 1940 SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS--Associational Officers
SUNDAY SCHOOLS--E. F. Landers, Mrs. Hardy Daniels, Vivian Brown
B. T. U.--G. D. Danner, Mrs. Vonnie Taylor, Mrs. E. L. McCoury
W. M. U.--Mrs. R. L. Shirley, Mrs. J. M. Pritchard, Mrs. F. P. Guinn
PERIODICALS--H. F. Ledford, A. I. Greene, Pink Shell
EDUCATION--W. W. Braswell, R. T. Teague, R. L. Painter
MISSIONS--K. L. Haga, Mrs. E. C. Lecka, Mrs. A. I. Greene
STEWARDSHIP--J. L. Banner, Earl McKenzie, Mrs. Frank McGuire
OBITUARIES--T. W. Childress, Dewey Gouge, Mrs. Earl McKenzie
HOSPITALS--R. L. Painter, J. A. Ledford, Mrs. Vonnie Taylor
MINISTERIAL RELIEF-R. T. Teague, J. H. Pritchard, S. E. Pritchard
TEMPERANCE--Spencer McCloud, D. Buchanan, Mrs. T. S. Key
ORPHANAGE--K. L Haga, Dr. F. P. Guinn, Ed. Buchanan
STATE OF CHURCHES--J. C. Brown, D. N. Jones, Frank McGuire
FINANCE--J. M. Pritchard, R. T. Teague, K. L Haga
PASTORAL SUPPORT--J. M. Harmon, M. B. Vance, Brown Ollis.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

K. L. Haga, E. F. Landers, Mrs. E. C. Lecka.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

V. W. Greene, Chairman; K. L. Haga, Secretary; G. D. Danner, E. F. Landers.

Constitution

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. It shall be composed of Delegates elected by the Churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional Fifty Members or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and reccommend measures for increasing harmony the intellegence and Spiritual power of the churches, and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers And Perogatives

Art. 4 The Association shall have no power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and reccommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterdox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon application of a church for dismission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As constituent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advice when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as Delegates as far as practicable their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for printing the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

Organization

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Historian, Clerk and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually immediately after the church letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the 1st day. Their terms of office to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session of the Association.

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the perogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Body and superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribution of the same, and to keep on file the printed Minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the money contributed to the Association Fund as directed by the Body and to make an annual report of the same.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the Body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES of ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.
2. During each session the association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the body.
3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission from the Body.
6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of churches and enroll delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on state of churches.
3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.
4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancy in organization.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of committee on order of business as to subjects and discussions.
9. Election and Officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.
11. All questions of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of MELL'S PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermo
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Green
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beac
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnso
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Marti
1916	Yellow Mtn.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Van
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchana
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampto
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Green	D. Buchanan	D. A. Gree
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullon
1921	Beech Mtn.	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampto
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hal
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgor
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hi
1925	Chestnutdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hal
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hamgton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitake
1627	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. Henlin
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnso
1929	Yellow Mtn.	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pitma
1930	Roaring Greek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	Memoria Service of N. S. Hampto
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga		
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	
1933	Powder Mill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danne
1934	Mt. Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davi
1935	Beech Mtn.	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Robert
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfiel
1937	Plat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owe
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brow
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danne

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, October 19, 1939

The Association met at 10 A. M., with Rev. V. W. Greene, moderator presiding

The Hollis Quartet rendered special Music.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Dayton Jones, using Luke 18:1- as his Bible reference.

Roll call of the churches was made and the church Associational letters were received.

The following visitors were recognized: Brother Tipton Greene, Brother W. Payne, Brother D. L. Edminsten and Brother S. C. Eggers of Three Fork Association.

K. L. Haga, moved that the program be adopted as outlined, with any necessary changes. The motion carried.

A collection was taken to pay for the printing of the Minutes.

Rev. V. W. Greene was reelected moderator, by acclamation. The following officers were also elected to serve during the coming year: Clerk, K. L. Haga; Trea

urer, J. M. Pritchard; Historian, R. T. Teague; Executive Committee, Chairman, V. W. Greene, E. F. Landers, G. D. Danner, J. M. Pritchard, K. L. Haga.

Brother Haga, named W. W. Braswell to assist him as clerk.

The following committees were appointed: Sunday School, E. F. Landers, and Mrs. Vonnie Taylor; B. T. U., G. D. Danner; W. M. U., Mrs. J. M. Pritchard, Mrs. A. I. Greene; Periodicals, H. F. Ledford, D. Buchanan; Education, K. L. Haga, G. D. Danner; Missions, R. T. Teague, J. A. Ledford; Stewardship, W. W. Braswell, Mrs. Fritz Hall; Obituaries,, Brown Ollis, Roy McGuire; Finance, R. T. Teague, J. M. Pritchard; Hospitals, E. M. Johnson, Tipton Greene; Minister's Relief, Spencer McCloud, G. D. Danner. Temperance, A. I. Greene, T. W. Childress; Mills Home, K. L. Haga; State of Churches, Dewey Gouge, J. L. Banner; Time, Place, Preacher, Frank McGuire, A. D. Ollis, J. M. Pritchard.

The period for Obituaries for our Honored Dead was given over to the Hollis Quartet for special music, which was followed by a prayer by Brother Dwight Edminsten.

During the Pastor's Hour short talks were made by Rev. E. M. Johnson, and Rev. V. W. Greene. Visiting pastors that made short talks were: E. D. Edminsten, Tipton Greene, W. C. Payne.

The sermon was preached by Rev. G. D. Danner, using as his subject "Sin- A Saviour and His Chuch."

Announcements were made by K. L. Haga, after which the benediction was pronounced by Tipton Greene.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Rev. V. W. Greene, moderator called the meeting to order at 1:30 P. M. after which the congregation sang "Amazing Grace"; "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and Happy Days".

The devotional was led by Rev. Leon Hill of Elizabethton. Tennessee, using for his References Acts 26.

E. F. Landers, Associational Sunday School Superintendent made a report on Sunday School work.

Remarks on Sunday School work were made by Clyde Eggers. Superintendent of the Three Forks Association, and Mrs. Vonnie Taylor.

G. D. Danner and Spencer McCloud made a report on the Ministerial Relief.

Rev. E, .M Johnson, read the report on hospitals, which was accepted.

A permanent examining group to act as a Presbytery was appointed as follows: V. W. Greene, K L. Haga, G. D. Danner, Spencer McCloud, J. C. Brown.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Spencer McCloud.

Friday, October 20, 1939

The Association convened at 10 A. M., with Ed. W. Buchanan leading a song service.

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. K. L. Haga, followed by prayer by Rev. J. C. Brown.

The finance committee was appointed, R. T. Teague, J. M. Pritchard, K. L. Haga.

Rev Dwight Edminsten was introduced and made a talk on Baptist Hospitals,

R. T. Teague presented the report on Missions.

Rev. J. C. Pipes made an excellent address on Missions and the Biblical Recorder.

Mrs. Eula Lecka made an address on the W. M. U.

Benediction by Rev. K. L. Haga.

Afternoon Session

The Association met at 1:30 P. M..

The devotional was led by Earl McKenzie using Isaiah 53:1-8.

R. T Teague led in prayer.

Rev. G. D. Danner made his report on B. T. U. and an excellent address.

Rev. K. L. Haga was elected Orphanage representative for the coming year

Rev. Dwight Edminsten made an address on the orphanage.

Mr. A. I. Greene made his report on Temperance.

The finance report was made by R. T. Teague.

Rev. K. L. Haga made a report on Education.

The report on Time, Place and Preacher was accepted. The Association to be held at Newland Church on Thursday and Friday before 4th Sunday in August 1940, with Rev. Roby Painter preaching the sermon.

The moderator appointed Rev. K. L. Haga, E. F. Landers, and Mrs. Eula Lecka delegates to the State Convention.

The Association adopted a resolution that the moderator, Rev. V. W. Greene shall in near future call the preachers of Avery County together for the purpose of organizing a Preachers Conference.

Resolutions were presented by K. L. Haga, E. F. Landers, and Mrs Odell Hampton. Resolutions were duly adopted.

Benediction pronounced by Rev. Spencer McCloud.

PASTORS OF AVERY COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rev V. W. Greene, Moderator, Balm, N. C.
Rev. K. L. Haga, Associational Field Worker, Thomasville Orphanage, Newland, N. C.
Rev. G. D. Danner, President, B. T. U , Crossnore, N. C.
Rev. Roby L. Painter, Balm, N. C.
Rev. E. M. Johnson, Hopson, Tenn.

Rev. David Sullens, Altapass, N. C.
Rev. J. M. Whitaker, Johnson City, Tenn.
Rev. W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Rev. Glen Gentrey, Elk Park, N. C.
Rev. V W. Greene, Senia, N. C.
Rev. Garfield Hughes, Valley, N. C.
Rev. J. W. McGuire, Altapass, N. C.
Rev. S. M. Pitman, Minneapolis. N. C.
Rev. J. G. Hughes, Valley, N. C.
Rev. Dayton Jones, Heaton. N, C.

MINISTERS NOT PASTORS

Rev. L. W. Sudderth, Montezuma. N. C.
Rev. W. A. Braswell, Montezuma, N. C.
Rev. C. A. Guy. Whaley, N. C.
Rev. Joe Phillips, Pineola, N. C.
Rev. C. H. New, Nebo, N. C.
Rev. I. W. Wood , Lottie, N. C.
Rev. Warney Guynn, Elk Park, N. C.
Rev. T. C. Hicks, Hughes, N. C.
Rev. C. M. Thomas, Valley, N. C.
Rev. Ham Hopson, Valley, N. C.

DELEGATES APPOINTED BY CHURCHES

Aaron, Harry Ledford, T. W. Childers, Mrs. G Marshall.
Beech Mountain, Truman Church, T. F. Cook Jr., Conard Cook, Dudley Trivett.
Belview, Mrs. Will Cook, Mrs. Denny Gouge, Mrs. Frank McKinney, A. D. Ollis.
Big Meadows, O. J. Benfield, C. L. Ledford, Mrs. Maud Johnson, Miss Mahala Kate Pyatte.
Crossnore.
Cranberry, Elizia Reece, Harris Ollis, Miss Irene Burleson.
Chestnut Dale.
Elk Park.
Elk Valley, H M. Horney, D. T. Bailiff, Charlie Cook, Jess Puckett.
Heaton, Thomas Smith, Hugh Palier, Fannie Smith, Earl McKenzie.
Flat Springs, J. M. Harmon, Russel Norris, Don Green.
Green Valley.
Henson Creek.
Jonas Ridge, Paul Rose, L T. Shell, P. A. Shell.
Minneapolis, Stanley Pyatte, Mack Holtsclaw, Charlie Grindstaff.
Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Coleman Johnson, Mrs. Walter Johnson. Mrs. H. S. Burleson, Mrs. W. H Daniels,
Newland, E. F. Landers, Mrs. Eula Lecka, Mrs. Nell S. McKee, Miss Hazel Stout, Mrs. W. A. Cornett, Mrs. Thom Key.
Oak Grove, Mrs. Vonnie Taylor, Margaret Hampton, J. A. Ledford, M. B. Vance.
Pineola, Jessie Buchanan, Green Buchanan, Millard Pritchard.
Pleasant Hill, Orpha Ollis, Mrs. Luther Ollis, Gid Hughes.
Powder Mill, Rev. J. T. McGuire, Will McKinney, Taylor Buchanan.
Roaring Creek, Dewey Hughes, C. W. Thomas, Wilma Stamey.
Fall Creek, W. B. Norris, Arthur Parlier, T. B.Gryder, Clay McGuire.
Pleasant Valley, J. R. Hagie, Zach Hicks, S. M. Presnell, Matilda Hicks.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

The Baptist Denomination owns and operates 20 hospitals, in 14 Southern States. These have a total bed capacity of 3,000. About 100,000 patients were treated in this last year.

Our own Baptist Hospital; located in Winston-Salem, received its first patients May 28, 1923. Since that date 44,635 patients have been treated (July 14, 1939). A little more than 4,000 patients were treated last year. This number will not be increased this year as we have gone the limit A little more than one-third of these patients were service patients, that is, they paid little or nothing.

About 90 percent of these came from outside Winston Salem.

It is always interesting to note the large number of mothers who have families of children at home. More than 1,000 of these last year were blessed to return to their more than 3,000 children.

The hospital treated last year about 100 preachers; missionaries, ministorial stndents. Almost all of these were free service.

The hospitals has a fine staff of 72 doctors and four internes, who rendered during last year $196,177.00 of free service. We have 42 specialists on our free service staff.

The hospital has a staff of 82 nurses--51 are students in training. The Nurses Training School can accept only 16 in its September Class--these have already been selected from a little more than 500 applicants.

It is intersting to note that these patients come from almost every county in the state. A fair idea can be obtained any day by a check up in any of the large wards. A few days ago it was demonstrated--tne seven patients in a ward were an average of 102 miles from home.

It is little less than a tragedy that during the past year the hospital has been compelled to turn away more than 2,000 patients for lack of room. During the year, it is estimated the 1,000 patients in Winston-Salem. who could pay their bills, were turned away in order that the hospital might take those who could not pay a hospital bill.

Plans are going forward to immediately add 100 more bed space to the hospital, giving the hospital a bed capacity of 212. This will enable the hospital to treat 8,000 patients each year. This ought not to be a difficult task for a denominarion comprising a membership of almost a half million--one-half the entire membership of all denomniations of our State. For the expense of caring for these multitudes of sick who cannot pay, we must look largely to Mother's Day offering and free donations of the hospital linen by W. M. U. and other church organizations.

Respectfully submitted, E. M. Johnson.

OUR HONORED DEAD

Mrs. Caroline Storie, Whaley. N. C.
Mrs Parella Carpenter, Pyatte, N. C.
Mr. J. W. Green, Whaley, N. C.
Mr. Dwight Trivette. Whaley, N. C.
Mr. Henry Shirley. Newland. N. C.
Mr. J. B. Martin, Newland, N. C.
Infant Pearlene Banner, Newland, N. C.
Mrs. Sallie Hughes, Valley, N. C.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

When Baptist use the word "Temperance" it is usually in reference to the use of alcoholic bevarages, but the only temperance in connection with these is in total abstanance.

The drink evil has in this day of licensed "liquor joints" become a nuisance to youth than ever before in the history of the world, It is a monster that we must fight against in every gossible way. So we the committee on temperence advise that the Baptist of this Association preach, teach, fight and vote against the use of alcoholic drinks in any form, and that we pray for a reformation which will annihilate this great evil from our land.

Respectfully submitted, A. I. Greene, T. W. Childress.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from J. L. Banner, Clerk	$41.40
Received from Dewey Johnson, Chestnut Dale	1.00
Balance from last year	.25
Total	$42.65
Paid Avery Advocate, Printing Minutes	$26.00
Paid J. L. Banner, Clerk	8.00
Paid Postgae	3.35
Total	$37.35
Balance in Treasury	$5.30

We recommend that Clerk be paid $8.00 for services in printing minutes provided they are distributed by December 15, 1939.

R. T. Teague, Treasurer.

MISSIONS

There are twenty five churches in Avery Association. The minutss for 1936 show that eight of these churches contributed to missions $172.27. The minutes for 1937 show that fourteen churches contributed $263.53, The minutes for 1938 show that seven churches contributed $335.51. The record for thi year with two extra months added because of the delay in holding the session shows that nine churches contributed $163 81. While at this writing I cannot say definitely but I know from this section of the County that there has been a definite falling off in this work when the God of all Earth has blessed us more favorably than heretofore. Way call us Missionary Baptists when more than half of the churches are not missionary, and more than half of the membership of the churches that are missionary are not missionary?

R. T. Teague.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED

First: We wish to express to the people of this community and church our sincere agpreciat.on and thanks for their most cordial reception and entertainment of us and for their bounteous and excellent food served us.

Second: We most earnestly reccommend that our Leaders, viz Pastors, B. T. U. Directors, Sunday School Superintendents and W. M. U. Presidents be ever mindful of our common cause which is to lead people through Training and Faith in Jesus Christ to become enthusiastic followers of Him.

Third: We sincerely urge our Executive Committee to get in more direct touch with every church in our Association and to form a more intimate relationship with our State Board, with a view to a larger development in meeting some of our local needs and furthering a larger development of the Co-operative Program.

Committee—K. L. Haga, E. F. Landers, Mrs. Odell Hampton.

EDUCATION REPORT

Our Baptist Schools and Colleges are indispensible to our work. Perhaps there has never been a greater need for these schools than today. Our leaders of tomorrow will be trained in them, and that does not mean ministerial and missionary students only. From these institutions must come leaders in laymens work and Womens work also, Sunday School Teachers, Deacons, Trustees and others.

Baptist people are not antagonistic to state supported institutions and schools Such institutions have their place but in our church schools our students are taught religion. Here they are taught the development of personality and the building of character. Men and women of character are needed in the world today. Students must be taught not only to think but they must be taught to live. The principles of living as taught by Jesus is the only hope of society.

Baptist Colleges need worthy young people to enter them for training. Young people who are members of Baptist churches ought to attend a college of their denomination. The Pastor of the church and the parents of our young people have a responsibility just here.

We as Baptist Churches must help finance our institutions of learning. What a place for an investment of funds and how little we do to meet this obligation. If you want to raise seed-corn for the Baptists invest in our schools for leadership in our state and nation.

K. L. Haga.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The purpose of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina is to "To prepare poor and promising orphans for the duties and responsibilities of life" The orphanage therefore is not an institution for the feeble minded neither is it a reformatory.

The Orphanage operates two homes, the Mills Home at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home at Kinston. These Homes are constantly confronted with two embarrassments. First it is impossible to make room for all who apply for admission; and second it is equally impossible for our case workers to make investigation immediately on receipt of applications.

Our Orphanage is bound up with our Sunday Schools. The chief support comes from the "once a month" collections sent in by them. If all of our Snuday Schools would take a collection and send it in each month our Treasurer, R. D. Covington could pay all bills promptly. The Avery Association has been making some gains along this line but we must not stop until each one of our 25 churches has formed this good habit together with a donation of farm products at Thanksgiving time. Our Orphanage friends is a channel through which men and women who want to do something in the name of Jesus may enrich their spiritual lives.

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ASSOCIATIONAL B. T. U. REPORT

The B. T. U. Department of the Avery Association has not reached its goal by any means, but we are still praying and working to that end. Namely, a well organized B. T. U. department in every church. Our annual meeting held with the Crossnore church in May was well attended by a faithful group, although not all the churches were represented.

We held quarterly meetings last year and have our plans made for quarterly meetings this year. Already one quarter has passed. Our next meeting will be with Beach Mountain church on the fourth Sunday Afternoon, two o'clock, in November. And the third quarterly meeting will be with the Montezuma Church on the fourth Sunday in February. Our annual meeting will be with Jonas Ridge Church on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in May.

The following have been chosen to lead our work for the year.

Director, G. D. Danner; Associate Director, Luther Buchanan; Secretary, Miss Hazel Stout; Adult Leader, Truman Church; Intermediate Leader, R. T. Teague; Junior Leader, Miss Gertrude Reed.

District Leaders

Green Valley, Henson Creek, Yellow Mountain, Powder Mill, Mrs. H. R. Buchanan.

Roaring Creek, Pleasant Hill, Chestnutdale, Minneapolis, Miss Mae Hicks.

Belview, Cranberry, Elk Park, Pleasant Valley, Brown Ollis.

Beach Mountain, Flat Springs, Fall Creek, Heaton, Elk Valley, Stewart McGuire.

Newland, Montezuma, Oak Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Vonnie Taylor.

Big Meadows, Crossnore, Pineola, Jonas Ribge, Miss Mala Kate Pyatte.

Refer to the statistical table for numerical report. We covet your prayers and cooperation that we may in the name of the MASTER, OUR GREAT DIRECTOR, reach every church member in our association.

G. D. Danner, Director.

TABLE No. 1 MEMBERSHIP

Church	Pastor	S. S. Supt.	Address	Preaching Sundays	Church Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	Baptisms	B. T. U.	W. M. U.	Subscribers Biblical Recorder
Aaron	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Newland	1	111	9[illegible]	9			
Beech Mtn	W. C. Payne	A. V. McGuire	Whaley	3	223	[illegible]	21			
Belview	E. M. Johnson	A. D. Ollis	Cranberry	5	117	102	1			
Big Meadows	David Sullins	O. J. Benfield	Pyatte	1	126	140	17			
Chestnut Dale				1						
Cranberry	J. M. Whittaker									5
Crossnore										
Elk Park	R. L. Painter	R. L. Cardwell	Elk Park	1	61	69	5			
Elk Valley	W. C. Payne	H. M. Horney	Banner Elk	4	10[illegible]	93	[illegible]			
Fall Creek	Dayton Jones	L. L. Stone	Heaton	2	117	88	1[illegible]			
Flat Springs	V. W. Greene	A. J. Greene	Whaley	[illegible]	1[illegible]	141	[illegible]			
Green Valley										
Heaton	Glen Gentry			2 3			18			
Henson Creek										
Jonas Ridge	David Sullins	H. R. Clark	Jonas Ridge	[illegible]	45	7[illegible]	[illegible]			
Minneapolis	Garfield Hughes	Mack Holtsclaw	Minneapolis		11[illegible]	80				
Mt. Pleasant										
Newland	R. Palmer	Finley Banner	Newland	2	1[illegible]6	96	23	16	16	6
Oak Grove	V. W. Greene									
Pineola	V. W. Greene	Jeff Buchanan	Pineola	1	65	100	3			2
Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	Ira Pritchard	Frank	2	119	102	12			1
Pleasant Valley	V. W. Greene	W. H. Presnell	Elk Park	1	87	67	10			
Powder Mill	J. T. McGuire	George Watson	Senia	2	41	55	2			
Roaring Creek	J. C. Hughes	W. C. Gouge	Valley	2	[illegible]8	7[illegible]	11			
Yellow Mtn										

TABLE NO. 2 FINANCES

Church	Clerk	Address	Church Treasurer	Address	Paid Pastors	Local Church Work	Orphanage	Cooperative Program	Minute Fund	Total Gifts for all Work	Value of Church Property
Aaron	S. E. Pritchard	Montezuma			$60.00	$142 00	$15 00	$10 00	$1 50	$228.50	$6000 00
Beech Mtn	Fred Jones	Whaley	Truman Church	Heaton	147.43	91.68			3.00	242 11	1000 00
Belview	Dewey Gouge	Cranberry	Rhetta Gouge	Cranberry	57.00		26 00		2 00	85 00	800 00
Big Meadows	J. L. Pyatte	Pyatte	J. L. Pyatte	Pyatte	65 51		12 16			77 67	2000 00
Chestnut Dale											
Cranberry	Brown B. Ollis	Cranberry	E. L. McCourry	Cranberry	60 00	270 00			1 00	331 00	
Crossnore											
Elk Park	R. N. Cardwell	Elk Park	Mrs. E. D. Odom	Elk Park	87 26		28 67			115 93	1500 00
Elk Valley,	J. A. Norman	Banner Elk			190 74				2.00	192 74	1000 00
Fall Creek	J. L. Norris	Heaton			86 68					86 68	
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon	Beech Creek	Russell Norris	Beech Creek	73 50		13 46		1 50	88 46	800 00
Green Valley											
Heaton	Cronell McGuire	Elizabethton									1000 00
Henson Creek											
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie Shell	Jonas Ridge			116 45				1 00	117 45	812 00
Minneapolis	Maud Buchanan	Minneapolis	Maud Buchanan	Minneapolis	50 50					50 50	3015 00
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. H. Daniels	Newland	H. L. Burleson	Newland	62 25					62 25	1500 00
Newland	Nell S. McKee	Newland	Finley Banner	Newland	112 72		52 84		6.00	171 56	5000 00
Oak Grove	M. V. Vance	Newland	Mrs. Vonnie Taylor	Newland	51.02	50 05	8 39	4 15	3 05	116 66	900 00
Pineola	Mrs. Crady Stewart	Pineola	Millard Pritchard	Pineola	31 53				2.00	33 53	2500 00
Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis	Frank	Boyd Hicks	Elk Park	51 95					51 95	3000 00
Pleasant Valley	Theresa Hicks	Elk Park			31 00				2 00	33.00	500 00
Powder Mill	T. J. Green	Senia	T. J. Green	Senia	67 32				1 00	68 32	500 00
Roaring Creek	Boyd Hicks	Elk Park			23 95				1 00	24 95	1300 00
Yellow Mtn											

TABLE VII.—Gifts for Local Church Work.

	CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Incidentals	Literature for Church Use, Sunday School, Etc.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Its Organizations	Paid Cooperative Program	Missions	Hospitals	Other Causes	Value Food and Clothing Given to Orphanage
1	Aaron	Mrs. Virtie Hughes, Montezuma	$ 74 60		$36 00	$	$62.14	$43.19	$	$	$	$ 827.93	$ 3.00	$	$ 6 00	$	$55.92
2.	Bell View	Mrs. Rettie Gouge, Cranberry	103.00		42 50	29.00	22.87	28 25	67.22	2 00	105.88	400 72	20.25	1.00	7.00		32 00
3.	Big Meadows	J. L. Pyatte, Pyatt	132.81		15.70		12 00	34 25		2 33	2.70	199 79	12.17	6.90	11 00	72.79	42 72
4.	Beech Mt.	Truman Church, Heaton	341.45		32.44	254 31	42.18	31.91	27 18	3.00	30.90	963.37		22.39	23 21		13.72
5	Crossnore	Mrs. T P. Delinger, Crossnore	150.00		25 00		40.00	20.00		5 00		333 10	7.00	6.70			12 00
6.	Chestnut Dale	D. S. Huffman, Frank	99.70		30 25	30 00	20 00	18 28	20 00	50		221 60			5 27		
7	Cranberry	O. L. Wright, Cranberry	174.47		69.70	110.00	90.00	40.00	100.00	3.50	75 00	662.67			15.00		
8	Elk Park	S. C. Carrol, Elk Park	80.00		73 18	349 77	58.32	29 29	6 00	2 00	12.14	710.70	28.05	35 00	10.45		25.73
9	Elk Valley		194 17		26.00		52.00	32.00				304 18	2.00		12 00		12 00
10.	Fall Creek	L. L. Story, Heaton	206 18	$20.00	23.55	275 00	20 00	25 00	23.00		4.00	596 73	11.50		20.00		12 00
11	Fair View	Avery Hileman, Kalmia	72 94		20 55					2 00			1.00				
12	Flat Springs	Russell Norris, Heaton	175 71			5 80	43.00	29 80		3 00	13 75	270 86			18 00	21 89	34 91
13.	Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	267 34		25 00		54 02	46.03		3 00	41.60	436 99	27.50	27.20	15 00		27 00
14	Henson Creek	Odell Burleson, Spear	130 98		57.00	30.00				1 00		218 98	5 10		5.00		10 00
15	Heaton	Addie Smith, Heaton	15.00		10.00		.80			66		27.60			3.00		3.00
16.	Jonas Ridge	P. A Shell, Jonas Ridge	101 17			25 00	2 75	20.46	7.51	2.00	9.08	168.05	30 75	9 25	10 00		98.25
17	Minneapolis	Maude Buchanan, Minneapolis	50.00				28 00	20 00		2.43		100.43			6.61	14.42	22 30
18.	Mt Pleasant	Verna Daniels, Newland	125.00		58 00	5 00	10 00	20.00	20.00	2 00		240.00			5.00		5.00
19	Newland	Finley Banner, Newland	583 00		76 00	150 46	56 42	56 63		5 00		1027 51	194.97	25 30	50.00	105 70	72 56
20	Oak Grove																
21	Pineola	Edna Mair, Pineola	123 93					53 75	12 26	2 05		191 99	39 42	15 61	13.10	4 00	69.79
22	Pleasant Hill	Orpha Ollis, Frank	470 75	27.55		459 70	46 28	47.86	28 80	3 00	26.75	1160 69			18 50	56.43	37 93
23	Pleasant Valley	Noah Hicks, Elk Park	76 35	5.00			10.00	16 20	15 00	1 25		123 80		3 50	4 50	11 15	3.15
24	Powder Mill	T J Green, Senia	50 17		15 39		28 41		17 90	1 00		112.67					5 00
25	Roaring Creek	C. M Thomas, Valley	12 00				8.00	12 00	10.00	1 00		43.70	5.15			5 00	
26	Yellow Mt.	Cordie Stafford Spear	125.08		42 00	297.26	45 85	22 80	60 00	2.00		594 99					

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Rev. K. L. HAGA, Clerk
J. M. PRITCHARD, Treasurer
R. T. TEAGUE, Historian

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COMMITTEES FOR 1941 SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS — K. L. Haga, V. L. Greene, J. C. Brown
SUNDAY SCHOOLS — E. F. Landers, W. W. Braswell, K. L. Haga
B. T. U. — Mrs. Vonnie Taylor, John Farrar, Mrs. Eula Lecka
W. M. U.—Mrs. R. L. Shirley, Mrs. R. T. Teague, Mrs. I. M. Vance.
PERIODICALS — R. T. Teague, Mrs. R. T. Teague Miss Hazel stout.
EDUCATION — W. W. Braswell, K. L. Haga, John Farrar
MISSIONS — R. T. Teague, J. M. Harmon J. L. Pyatte
STEWARDSHIP — J. L. Banner, Rev. David Sullins, E. M. Johnson
OBITUARIES — Pink Shell, H. B. Gray, A. I. Greene
HOSPITALS — R. L. Painter, A. I. Greene Spencer McCloud
MINISTERIAL RELIEF — D. Buchanan, Dewey Gouge, W. W. Pyatte
TEMPERANCE — J. G. Hughes, T. W. Childress, Mrs. F. Hall
ORPHANAGE — K. L. Haga, Mrs. S. E. Pritchard, Vester Stafford
STATE OF CHURCHES — R. T. Lewis, J. D. Braswell, Jeff Pyatte
FINANCE — J. M. Pritchard, R. T. Teague, K. L. Haga
PASTORAL SUPPORT — J. C. Brown, A. D. Ollis, Fritz Hall

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

K. L. Haga, J. C. Brown, Mrs. E. C. Lecka

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

V. W. Greene, Chairman; K. L. Haga, Secretary; J. C. Brown. J. M. Pritchard, E. F. Landers

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1 This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

MEMBERSHIP

Art. 2. It shall be composed of Delegates elected by the Churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional fifty members or major fraction an additional delegate.

OBJECTS

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches, and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

POWERS AND PREROGATIVES

Art. 4. The Association shall have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon application of a church for admission.

RIGHTS OF CHURCHES

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independant Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advice when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

DUTIES OF THE CHURCHES

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as Delegates as far as practicable their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for printing the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

ORGANIZATION

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Historian, Clerk and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected immediately after the church letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session of the Association.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parlimentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the Body and superintend the printing of the Minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and disburse the money contributed to the Association Fund as directed by the Body and to make an annual report of the same.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the Body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. MEETINGS

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.
2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.
3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. No persons shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.
6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. BUSINESS

1. Call the roll of churches and enroll delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on state of churches.
3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.
4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancy in organization.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of committee on order of business as to subjects and discussions.
9. Election off Officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.
11. All questions of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of MELL'S PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn.	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestn'td'le	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Gr'n Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mtn.	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roar'g Cr'k	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
	A memorial service for N. S. Hampton by K. L. Haga			
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	P'd'r Mill	Ed W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mt. Pl's'nt	Ed W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	B'ch Mtn.	Ed W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. L. Painter

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, August 22, 1940

The Association met in the Newland Baptist church at 10:00 a. m. with Rev. V. W. Greene, Moderator, presiding.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. K. L. Haga. The roll call of churches was made by the clerk and the church letters were received and delegates seated. The following visitors were recognized, Rev. David Sullins, Rev. D. M. Edmisten and Rev. John Farrar.

On motion of the Clerk the printed program was adopted. Rev. V. W. Greene was re-elected Moderator by acclamation. The following officers were also re-elected: Clerk, K. L. Haga; Treasurer, J. M. Pritchard; Historian, R. T. Teague. On motion the executive committee was elected as follows: Rev. V. W. Greene, Chairman; Rev. K. L. Haga, Secretary; J. M. Pritchard, J. C. Brown, E. F. Landers.

The following committees were named by the Chair. Time and Place: D. Buchanan, Fritz Hall, Dewey Gouge. Resolutions: Mrs. Fritz Hall, J. C. Brown, Vester Stafford.

The report of the B. T. U. work was read by the Clerk in the absence of the Director. The W. M. U. report was read by Mrs. R. L. Shirley. M. A. Huggins, General Secretary of the State Mission Board, was introduced and gave the main address of the morning on our Baptist Work.

The Annual sermon was preached by Rev. R. L. Painter. Announcements were made by the Clerk after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. D. M. Edmisten.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. V. W. Green Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:30 p. m. The devotional was led by Rev. David Sullins with prayer by Rev. E. M. Johnson.

R. D. Covington and wife and M. A. Adams, visitors, were introduced. The following reports were presented, Ministerial Relief by R. T. Teague; Stewardship by J. L. Banner; Pastoral Support, by J. M. Harmon; Mills Home by K. L. Haga; Temperance by Spencer McCloud.

R. D. Covington, representing the Mills Home, was introduced and gave an interesting address. Following this address, on motion Rev. K. L. Haga was again re-elected Associational Orphanage Representative.

Rev. M. A. Adams, representing the United Dry Forces of the state, was introduced and gave an address in the interest of Temperance. An offering was received to apply to the support of his work. Mt. Pleasant church was reported as having neglected for two years to make a report. On motion of D. Buchanan, the Moderator and Clerk were appointed by the Association to make an investigation of the situation.

It was ordered that a night service be held and on invitation Rev. David Sullins was selected to preach the evening sermon. Rev. Sullins pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1940

The Association convened at 10:00 a. m. with the devotions led by Rev. J. C. Brown. Rev. John Farrar led in prayer. Rev. D. W. Haga was introduced and welcomed to a seat with the body.

The church letter from Mt. Pleasant was received and handed to the Clerk for recording.

The following reports were read and approved: Sunday schools, by E. F. Landers; Finance by J. M. Pritchard.

David Morgan, representing the Biblical Recorder, was introduced and gave an address in the interest of the paper.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. C. Brown.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met at 1:30 p. m.

Devotions were led by Rev. John Farrar with prayer by Rev. J. C. Brown.

Reports on Obituaries were read by T. W. Childress after which a special prayer service was led by Rev. K. L. Haga.

Reports on Time, Place and Resolutions were presented, read and adopted.

On motion of D. Buchanan, the Clerk was instructed to write the churches for additional funds to meet the expense of publishing the minutes.

Rev. V. W. Greene read the list of committees for 1941 after which motion was made by D. Buchanan to adjourn. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. D. W. Haga.

ASSOCIATIONAL B. T. U.

The following officers have been elected to serve during 1941: Director, Mrs. Vonnie Taylor; Secretary, Miss Hazel Stout; Department Leaders: Adult, K. L. Haga; Young People, Mrs. C. M. Lecka.; Intermediate, Mr. R. T. Teague; Junior Leader, Mrs. Nellie Shell.

DELEGATES APPOINTED BY CHURCHES

AARON—Mrs. Verdie Hayes, Mrs. Bertha Pritchard, T. W. Childress.

BEECH MOUNTAIN—Dudley Trivette, Tom Cook, Jr., John Trivette, Joe Parlier, Dave Trivette.

BELVIEW—Mrs. George Tolley, Mrs. Roy Hester, Mrs. Dewey Gouge, A. D. Ollis.

BIG MEADOWS—Linzie Johnson, O. J. Benfield, Lawrence Carpenter.

CHESTNUTDALE—Rom Huffman.

CRANBERRY—Waits Ollis, John Holtsclaw, Gurnie Henson.

CROSSNORE—Mrs. T. P. Dellinger, Mrs. H. B. Gray, A. G. Bridges, Mrs. Dorothy Blue.

ELK PARK—Mrs. B. H. Winters, C. C. Huskins, R. N. Cardwell, F. P. Guinn.

ELK VALLEY—J. A. Norman, G. C. Puckett, W. J. Carmon, Marion Horney.

FALL CREEK—Linzy Smith, N. E. Cook, T. B. Gryder, Arlie Parlier.

FLAT SPRINGS—J. M. Harmon, W. R. Trivette, A. I. Greene, W. C. Phillips.

GREEN VALLEY—Fritz Hall, Doris Ollis, Mrs. F. Hall, Jake Davis.

HEATON—Lily Smith, Addie Carmon, Earl McKenzie.

HENSON CREEK—F. E. Braswell, Stokes McKinney, Odell Burleson.

JONAS RIDGE—P. A. Shell, Mrs. Nellie Shell, Hazel Clark.

MINNEAPOLIS—Mack Holtsclaw, Stanley Pyatte, Willie Pyatte, James Grindstaff.

MT. PLEASANT—Mrs. W. H. Daniels, Marion Hicks, Mrs. H. S. Burleson.

NEWLAND—Finley Banner, Lewis Shirley, Mrs. C. M. Lecka, Marion Cheek.

OAK GROVE—J. A. Ledford, M. B. Vance, Mrs. Vonnie Taylor.

PINEOLA—Mrs. Grady Stewart, Mrs. Ira M. Vance, J. M. Pritchard.

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Luther Ollis, Mrs. Vivian Brown, Mae Hicks, Agnes Hicks.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Noah Hicks, Boyd Hicks, W. H. Presnell.

POWDER MILL—Hick Buchanan, T. J. Greene.

ROARING CREEK—C. M. Thomas, W. G. Gouge, Dewey Hughes.

YELLOW MTN.—Claud Stafford, Vester Stafford, M. L. Wiseman, Mrs. D. Buchanan.

OUR HONORED DEAD

Robert F. Buchanan, Deacon, Powder Mill.
Miss Ruth Buchanan, Pleasant Hill.
Mrs. Rosa Finley, Pleasant Hill.
Mr. J. W. Vines, Flat Springs.
Mr. Lloyd Stout, Flat Springs.
Mrs. Clyde Perrell, Crossnore.
Mrs. Lindsay Burleson, Crossnore.
Mr. George Hicks, Chestnutdale.
Mr. W. P. Johnson, Big Meadows.

RESOLUTIONS

1st. We wish to express to the people of Newland Baptist Church and community our sincere appreciation and thanks for their most cordial reception and entertainment of us and for the bounteous and excellent food served.

2nd. We recommend that our Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, B. T. U. Leaders and S. S. Teachers are sure they know Christ and then properly equip themselves to teach others.

3rd. We sincerely urge our Executive Committee to get in touch with every church in the Association and to form a better relationship with our State Board with a view to a larger development in meeting some of our local needs.

J. C. BROWN

Mrs. FRITZ HALL

VESTER STAFFORD

STEWARDSHIP

To cheat a man out of a dollar is to rob him of more than a dollar. It robs him of your friendship. The same principle holds true in our relation with God.

Sixteen of Jesus' thirty eight parables deal with right and wrong use of money. Money that belongs to God, that is kept from Him by his people, is probably the greatest hindrance to vital Spirituality that there is in the world today. You cannot get right with God spiritually unless you are right with him financially.

From the beginning of history the offering at the altar was the central act of worship. This religious experience centered from the days of Cain and Abel to the Cross of Calvary. Yet many churches and so called Christians have completely divorced it from worship.

God Says: "If ye love me, keep my commandments". If you love your children you give to them and if you love God you will give to Him. Giving of money is a spiritual value. Jesus said, "Where the treasure is there will thy heart be also".

Thousands of Church members do not have their hearts in the church because their treasure is not there. Our main object in teaching Stewardship should be, not the treasures of our people but their hearts, but according to words of Jesus the way to the heart is through the treasure.

J. L. BANNER

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

During the past year, with excellent co-operation of Sunday School workers from various communities, we have conducted two Training schools of one week each. Mt. Pleasant, Oakgrove, Aaron, Newland and Elk Valley churches took part in these schools. The following text-books were used: Teaching Adults in the Sunday School, Teaching Young People in the S. S., The Art of Teaching Intermediates, Guiding Junior Boys and Girls, Guiding the Primary Child in the S. S., The S. S. Secretary and the Six Point Record System, Building a standard Sunday School, Sunday School Officers and their work. Trained, enthusiastic, consecrated teachers are the crying need in our churches in this county.

E. F. LANDERS

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

A glorious future awaits our work. This day and age is full of thrills, wonders and many attractions. We desire to point our church members to the path trodden by our Saviour and we see no greater organization than that of the B. T. U. for training in service.

We held our annual meeting with the Jonas Ridge Church on Friday, May 24th. This meeting was attended by a faithful group, although not all of our churches were represented.

Four quarterly meetings will be held this year. The first one at Flat Springs on the fourth Sunday afternoon in August, second one at Pleasant Hill church on the fourth Sunday afternoon in November, third one at Mt. Pleasant Church fourth Sunday afternoon in February. The next annual meeting will be held with Pineola Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in May.

Mrs. VONNIE TAYLOR

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We are astonished in this enlightened age at the attitude of our Baptist people when we look out over the County and see so many people thriving and doing well and letting so many of our old ministers, who have almost given their lives trying to hold up Christ and Kingdom work, labor so hard to make a living.

We recommend that arrangements be made at once to give all our ministers the benefit of Social Security Benefits.

R. T. TEAGUE

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your committee, recommend as follows: That out next session of the Association meet with Yellow Mountain Baptist Church on Thursday and Friday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1941, also that Rev. K. L. Haga preach the introductory sermon and that Rev. John Farrar be alternate.

D. BUCHANAN, Chairman

DEWEY GOUGE

FRITZ HALL

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The members of the 25 churches of Avery Baptist Association paid the pastors in the year 1938, $2359.48 and in the year 1939, $1436.63. The year 1940 shows $......................... as having been paid. May God help us as his servants to strive to do more than ever in the support of our pastors.

J. M. HARMON

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from R. T. Teague, Former Treasurer	$ 5.30
Received from J. L. Banner, Clerk	22.90
Received from Montezuma Church	1.50
Total	$29.70
Paid Avery Advocate, Printing Minutes	$30.00

Postage paid on mailing Minutes by R. T. Teague and J. M. Pritchard. Balance on Printing Minutes was paid by R. T. Teague.

J. M. PRITCHARD

HOSPITALS

We, the Baptist people, have a great Hospital at Winston-Salem to care for the sick. Brother Smith Hagaman, Superintendent, offers the service to our people who need it, some of whom have been getting help there. The hospital is being enlarged to care for more people. It is being supported by the common people. Let us give more for the support of this worthy institution which cares for our unfortunate people.

ROBY L. PAINTER

PASTORS OF AVERY ASSOCIATION

Rev. V. W. Greene, Moderator, Pineola, North Carolina
Rev. K. L. Haga, Orphanage Representative, Newalnd, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Brown, Cranberry, N. C.
Rev. R. L. Painter, Balm, N. C.
Rev. David Sulline, Altapass, N. C.
Rev. W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Rev. J. G. Hughes, Valley, North Carolina
Rev. Dayton Jones, Heaton, North Carolina
Rev. Spencer McCloud, Cranberry, North Carolina
Rev. W. J. Cook, Boone, North Carolina
Rev. E. M. Johnson, Hopson, Tennessee
Rev. W. S. Woody, Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Rev. J. M. Whittaker, Johnson City, Tennessee
Rev. John Farrar, Crossnore, North Carolina
Rev. Theodore Letterman, Spruce Pine, North Carolina
Rev. J. Y. Sparks, Toecane, North Carolina

MINISTERS NOT PASTORS

Rev. L. W. Sudderth, Montezuma
Rev. W. A. Braswell, Montezuma
Rev. C. A. Guy, Whaley, N. C.
Rev. Joe Phillips, Pineola, N. C.
Rev. C. H. New, Nebo, N. C.
Rev. Paul Rose, Jonas Ridge
Rev. Jess Cook, Minneapolis
Rev. Jeff Pyate, Minneapolis
Rev. Reuben Cook, Minneapolis
Rev. J. L. Dellinger, Spear
Rev. C. M. Thomas, Valley
Rev. Ham Hopson, Valley, N. C.
Rev. T. C. Hicks, Crossnore
Rev. Clyde Ledford, Pyate, N. C.
Rev. I. W. Woody, Ingalls, N. C.

TABLE NO. 1
MEMBERSHIP

CHURCH	PASTORS and POST OFFICE'S	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS and POST OFFICES	Preaching Sundays	Church Members	S. S. Members	Baptisms	B. T. U.	W. M. U.	Bib. Rec. Subs.
AARON	R. L. Painter, Balm	S. E. Pritchard, Montezuma	4	125	136	6			1
BEECH MTN.	W. J. Cook, Boone	Truman Church, Heaton	1	226	69	5			
BELVIEW	E. M. Johnson, Hopson, Tenn.	Frank McKinney, Cranberry	3	116	90				
BIG MEADOWS	David Sullins, Altapass	O. J. Benfield, Pyatte	1	130	128	5			
CHESTNUTDALE	W. S. Woody, Spruce Pine	Rom Huffman, Frank	3	32	62	4			
CRANBERRY	J. W. Whittaker, J. City, Tenn	Union	1-2	64		6			3
CROSSNORE	John Farrar, Crossnore	H. B. Gray. Crossnore	1–2–3–4	138	84		26		
ELK PARK	R. L. Painter, Balm	C. C. Huskins, Elk Park	1-3	61	44	5			
ELK VALLEY	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	H. M. Horney, Banner Elk	4	118	71	10			
FALL CREEK	Dayton Jones, Heaton	Earl Carver, Heaton	2	126	108	7			
FLAT SPRINGS	V. W. Greene, Pineola	W. R. Trivett, Whaley	3	146	123	2			
GREEN VALLEY	J. C. Brown, Cranberry	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	2–4	81	91	7			
HEATON	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	Earl McKenzie, Elk Park	3	62	34	25			
HENSON CREEK	J. Y. Sparks, Toecane	Odell Burleson, Spear	2	57	67	6			1
JONAS RIDGE	David Sullins, Altapass	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge	3	57	64	5			
MINNEAPOLIS	J. G. Hughes, Valley	Mack Holtsclaw, Minneapolis	4	115	75				
MT. PLEASANT		Arthur Horney, Crossnore		58	91				
NEWLAND		E. F. Landers, Newland		181	100	2	45	28	1
OAK GROVE	V. W. Greene, Pineola	M. B. Vance, Newland	1	64	69	4	17		3
PINEOLA	V. W. Greene, Pineola	W. J. Buchanan, Pineola	1	92	105	19			
PLEASANT HILL		Vivian Brown, Frank	1	118	125	10			
PLEASANT VALLEY	V. W. Greene, Pineola	Morley Whittington, Elk Park	4	97	40	4			
POWDER MILL	J. G. Hughes, Valley	Will McKinney, Senia	2	39	65				
ROARING CREEK	Theo. Letterman, Spruce Pine	W. G. Gouge, Valley	2	74	76				
YELLOW MTN.	R. L. Painter, Balm	Claud Shuford, Plumtree	1	88	85	31			

TABLE NO. 2 — FINANCES

CHURCHES: Clerks and P. O's.	TREASURERS	Paid Pastors	Local Ch. Work	Orphanage	Co. Op. Prog'm.	Minute Fund	For All Work Total Gifts	Val. of Church Property
Aaron— Harlan Ledford, Montezuma	Mrs. Hettie Loven	$101.14	$137.85	$15.00	$	$ 2.00	$152.85	$4000.00
Beech Mountain—Fred W. Jones, Whaley	Truman Church	170.65	267.80	47.05	22.09	1.22	337.34	1000.00
Belview—Dewey Gouge, Cranberry	Rhetta Gouge	50.22	145.70			2.00	145.70	800.00
Big Meadows—Mrs. Lawrence Car. Pyatte	J. S. Pyate	42.68	119.20	18.96	1.59	1.50	139.25	2000.00
Chestnutdale—Mrs. Nettie Farmer, Hughes	D. S. Huffman	60.44	105.44				105.44	3000.00
Cranberry—Brown B. Ollis, Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCourry	79.62	240.62	25.80		1.00	240.62	
Crossnore—Mrs. Dorothy Blue, Crossnore	Mrs. T. P. Dellinger	50.00	122.00		2.36		124.36	3600.00
Elk Park— Mrs. R. N. Cardwell, Elk Park	Mrs. E. D. Odom	115.00	277.37	25.80	5.00	2.00	308.17	1500.00
Elk Valley—J. A. Norman, Banner Elk	J. A. Norman	153.17	451.92	8.00		1.50	451.92	1300.00
Fall Creek—J. L. Norris, Heaton		128.37	164.98	15.37	68.23		248.58	1200.00
Flat Springs—J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek	Russell Norris	80.78	127.60	12.44	11.25	3.00	151.29	800.00
Green Valley—Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	Fritz Hall	215.34	306.89	9.50	6.00	2.00	322.39	1500.00
Heaton—Lily Smith, Heaton	Hugh Parlier	50.00					50.00	800.00
Henson Creek—Stella Dellinger, Spear		80.95	80.95			1.00	80.95	640.00
Jonas Ridge—Mrs. Nellie Shell, Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell	116.43	151.24	44.87	26.50	1.00	222.61	1200.00
Minneapolis—Maud Buchanan, Minneapolis	Maud Buchanan	50.00	142.25	11.36	14.98	3.00	168.59	1500.00
Mt. Pleasant—Mrs. W. H. Daniels, Newland	H. S. Burleson	125.00	154.00			1.00	154.00	1500.00
Newland—Nell S. McKee, Newland	Finley Banner	95.00	253.58	42.54	28.06		316.88	5000.00
Oak Grove—M. B. Vance, Newland	Vonnie Taylor	90.83	136.01	7.93	6.63		150.57	900.00
Pineola—Mrs. Grady Stewart, Pineola	J. M. Pritchard	82.96	145.05	16.00	35.00	2.00	196.05	2900.00
Pleasant Hill—Ray Ollis, Frank	Mrs. Luther Ollis	220.91	331.02	23.40	2.60	3.00	357.02	3000.00
Pleasant Valley—Ida Presnell, Elk Park	Boyd Hicks	47.00	58.90		5.00	1.00	63.90	500.00
Powder Hill—T. J. Greene, Senia	T. J. Greene	53.33	82.77			1.00	82.77	500.00
Roaring Creek—W. G. Gouge, Valley	J. G. Hughes	36.00	92.00				92.00	1300.00
Yellow Mountain—D. Buchanan, Spear	T. J. Greene	107.64	137.09	2.84		1.50	139.93	3000.00

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OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

Rev. V. W. Greene	Moderator
D. Buchanan	Clerk
R. T. Teague	Treasurer
Rev. R. L. Painter	Historian

Next session will be held with Elk Valley Baptist Church
on Thursday and Friday before the 4th
Sunday in August, 1942

Rev. Spencer McCloud to preach the Introductory Sermon
and Don Edminston, Alternate.

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Committees For 1942 Session

ORDER OF BUSINESS—V. W. Greene, K. L. Haga, D. Buchanan.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—K. L. Haga.
B. T. U.—R. L. Painter.
W. M. U.—Mrs. R. L. Shirley.
PERIODICALS—R. T. Teague, A. I. Greene, S. C. Braswell.
EDUCATION— E. F. Landers, Fritz Hall, W. W. Braswell.
MISSIONS—J. C. Brown, D. M. Edmisten, Tommy Deaton..
STEWARDSHIP—J. D. Braswell, Spencer McCloud, J. G. Hughes.
OBITUARIES—Dewey Gouge, Mrs. Fritz Hall, Mrs. Ira M. Vance.
HOSPITALS—Ed. Buchanan, Mrs. Vonny Taylor, Mrs. Fritz Hall.
MINISTERIAL RELIEF—Dayton Jones, Dewey Gouge, D. Buchanan.
TEMPERANCE—J. C. Brown, R. T. Lewis, J. G. Hughes.
ORPHANAGE—D. M. Edmisten, J. W. Pyatte, A. D. Ollis.
STATE OF CHURCHES—J. D. Braswell, D. Buchanan, K. L. Haga.
FINANCE—R. T. Teague, Vester Stafford, T. J. Greene.
PASTORAL SUPPORT—A. I. Greene, Jeff Buchanan, W. W. Pyatte.

Delegates To State Convention

K. L. Haga, J. D. Braswell, V. W. Greene.

Executive Committee

V. W. Greene, J. C. Brown, D. Buchanan, K. L. Haga, R. L. Painter, R. T. Teague, J. D. Braswell.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1 This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 3 The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures ches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional fifty members or major fraction an additional Delegate.

Objects

Art. 3 The objects shal be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches, and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers and Prerogatives

Art. 4 The Association shall have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5 The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon application of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwaranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of The Churches

Art. 7 It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as Delegates as far as practicable their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for printing the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

Organization

Art. 8 The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Historian, Clerk and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected immediately after the church letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session of the Association.

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to th principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10 It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the Body and superintend the printing of the Minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 11 It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and disburse the money contributed to the Association Fund as directed by the Body and to make the annual report of the same.

Art. 12 It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13 This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the Body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

Rules of Order

I. MEETINGS.

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4.. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No persons shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the body..

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. BUSINESS

1. Call the roll of churches and enroll delegates.

2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on state of churches.

3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.

4. Receive new churches.

5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6.. Fill any vacancy in organization.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Adopt and follow report of committee on order of business as to subjects and discussions.

9. Election of officers.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

11. All customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadow	C. G. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Moun.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchhanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Moun.	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Val.	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buch'n	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yel'w Moun.	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buch'n	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Cr'k	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buch'n	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
	A memorial service for N. S. Hampton by K. L. Haga			
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Pow. Mill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mt. Plea.	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	B'ch Moun.	E. W. Buchanan	W. B. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. L. Painter
1941	Yellow Moun.	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga

DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE CHURCHES

AARON: Edgar Pritchard, Elliott Hays, Hoslen Ledford.

BIG MEADOWS: J. L. Pyatte, Lawrence Carpenter, Carl Pyatte.

BELLVIEW: Dewey Gouge, Frank McKinney, Mrs. Dewey Gouge, Mrs. W. M. Cook.

BEECH MOUNTAIN: Judd Walsh, John Trivett, Lance Cook, Dudley Trivett, Coy Palier.

CHESTNUTDALE: Rom Huffman, Waits Isaacs, Wesley Holtsclaw.

CRANBERRY: Mrs. Will Ollis, John Holtsclaw, Mrs. Brown Ollis.

CROSSNORE: P. L. Johnson, Mrs. T. B. Dellinger, Mrs. Herbert Gray, Mrs. Charlie Burleson.

ELK PARK: Mrs. Gus Bowers, Miss Edith Cordwell, Mrs. B. M. Hamrick.

ELK VALLEY: Stewart Blair, Luther Riddle, Dick Horney.

FAIRVIEW: Dewey Hughes, Lonzo Woody, A. I. Woody.

FALL CREEK: B. F. McGuire, N. E. Cook, L. L. Storrie, T. B. Gryders.

FLAT SPRINGS: Harvey Green, Troy Guy, Don Green, A. I. Green.

GREEN VALLEY: Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hall, Mrs. Dock Ollis, Jake Davis, Doris Ollis.

HENSON CREEK: No delegates on letter.
JONAS RIDGE: Nellie Shell, H. R. Clark, P. A. Shell.
MINNEAPOLIS: Maude Buchanan, R. T. Lewis, W. W. Pyatte, Jeff Pyatte.
MT. PLEASANT: Mrs. Roe Johnson, Mrs. Coleman Johnson, Roe Johnson.
NEWLAND: Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Teague, Mrs. C. .M. Lecka, Mrs. Lewis Shirley, E. F. Landers.
OAK GROVE: I. N. Taylor, Luther Buchanan, Vonnie Taylor, J. A. Ledford.
PINEOLA: Jessie Buchanan, Mrs. Ira Vance, W. J. Buchanan.
PLEASANT VALLEY: Albert Hicks, Boyd Hicks, Mosley Whitington.
PLEASANT HILL: Luther Ollis, Mrs. Ella Carpenter, Mrs. Ida Buchanan, A. L. Miller.
POWDER MILL: Hick Buchanan, Taylor Buchanan.
ROARING CREEK: C. M. Thomas, W. G. Gouge, Pauline Hughes.
YELLOW MOUNTAIN: T. J. Green, Vester Stafford, Claud Stafford.

PASTORS AND PREACHERS OF AVERY ASSOCIATION WITH POST OFFICES

B. L. Painter—Balm
J. C. Brown—Cranberry
Carl Roberts—Elizabethton
W. S. Woody—Spruce Pine
John Tarra—Crossnore
Glen Gentry—Elk Park
W. C. Payne—Blowing Rock
Deyton Jones—Heaton
Joseph Miller—Butler, Tenn.
J. Y. Sparks—Toecane
David Sullins—Altapass
Garfield Hughes—Valley
D. M. Edmisten—Sugar Grove
V. W. Green—Pineola
Spencer McCloud—Cranberry

Not Pastors

C. M. Thomas—Valley
T. C. Hicks—Hughes
Joe Phillips—Crossnore
Jeff Pyatte—Minneapolis
Rubin Cook—Minneapolis
Jess Cook—Minneapolis
J. L. Dellinger—Spear
C. A. Guy—Whaley
I. W. Woody—Ingalls
Lonzo Woody—Ingalls.

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, August 21, 1941

The Association met in Yellow Mountain church at 9:30 A. M. with the Moderator Rev. V. W. Greene presiding. After a song service Rev. R. L. Painter led in the devotional services using as his theme, "God is Faithful" after which Dr. J. C. Owen led in prayer. Clerk, Rev. K.L. Haga called the roll of churches and the church letters were received and their respective delegates were seated. The following visitors were recognized and seated: Dr. J. C. Owen of Elizabethton, Tenn. Mr. Smith Hagaman of Winston-Salem, Rev. Tommy Deaton of Marion and Rev. D. W. Haga a Methodist minister of Newland. Rev. J. C. Pipes and wife of Weaverville. On motion made by the clerk the printed program was adopted. A new church was reported organized to be known as Fair View church and upon motion of R. N. Cardwell the delegates were seated with us and requested to prepare a letter for this Association.

The Moderator called Rev. J. C. Brown to the chair to preside during the election of officers. On motion and by vote of the body the following officers were duly elected, V. W. Greene, Moderator; J. C. Brown, Vice-Moderator; D. Buchanan, Clerk; R. T. Teague, Treasurer; and R. L. Painter, Historian.

Rev. V. W. Green gave a brief address on his work as Moderator. The following reports were then read and adopted, Sunday Schools, Rev. K. L. Haga; B.T.U., Rev. R. L. Painter, W.M.U., R. T. Teague after which there was a brief address by Dr. J. C. Owen.

Report On Sunday Schools

Our Sunday Schools are about as old as the churches. The Bible is our textbook. We use the Sunday school as the teaching agency of the church. We want to recommend that more attention be given to teacher preparation. That every Sunday School selects officers and teachers that have a definite Christian experience and that we have a Sunday School revival to enlist more adults in the work. If our work is to grow and prosper we must enlist others and give them proper food when they come.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. Haga, E. F. Landers,
W. W. Braswell

Report On Associational B. T. U.

The Training Work of our churches is continuing. The past officers of the B. T. U. worked hard and their labor has not been in vain.

The work has been reorganized. Rev. R. L. Painter has been elected as leader. We hope to see several more training unions organized during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Painter

Report On Womans Missionary Unions

In this day of national crisis when our nation needs thousands of men trained in the use of weapons and in the tactics of war, would it not be tragic not to give them this training? Untrained soldiers would be a hindrance instead of a help on any battlefield. The need is urgent, the danger imminent. Training is necessary.

The same is true in this day of urgent need of the gospel. Trained heralds of the gospel are necessary. We can no more send out untrained people to proclaim the gospel than our country could send to battle an untrained army. Our missionary heralds must be trained in heart and mind to rightly divide the word of truth.

The W. M. U. of Avery association through these organizations: The Sunbeam Band for beginners, the G. A. and R. A. for the boys and girls of primary and intermediate ages, the Y. W. A. for young women, the W. M. S. for the older women, are striving to train our people in this particular phase of work. As we think of our W. M. U. watch word for the year taken from Psalms 67:2, "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy salvation among all nations", we have a desire that more of our women, boys and girls of the Avery association should be engaged in this work of making known the way, not only here around us but to the uttermost parts of the world.

Therefore, we recommend that the Pastors of the various churches in the association help the women to become interested to the extent that every church in another year will be able to report one or more organizations.

While the W. M. U. work is not making the progress that we would like to see, with grateful hearts we are happy to report that the work is going forward in a small way.

Our greatest despair is that so many of our women have grown complacent about this their own business rarely ever attending a meeting and meagerly supporting the cause.

Our greatest delight in the work this year has been an increase in number of new organizations in number of subscriptions to the missionary magazines, an increase in the number of tithers, and naturally an increase in finance.

It is only as we review the service rendered in the past, that we catch a vision of our future possibilities. We would remind our pastors that our success in the future will be limited to your prayers and cooperation. Will you not hear the Voice as it speaks: "Help those women" as they go out as light bearers for our King?

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. T. Teague.

The Moderator then appointed the following committee: Time, Place and Preacher, Fritz Hall, R. N. Cardwell, J. G. Buchanan. Resolutions,E d. Buchanan, J. D. Braswell, Mrs. Fritz Hall.

Announcements were made that J. C. Pipes and R. T. Teague were representing the the Biblical Recorder. A collection was taken to apply on payment of printing the programs and $2.80 was received. The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. K. L. Haga using as his subject the parables of the "Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, and the Lost Boy". The sermon closed with a very impressive re-consecration service in which Ministers, Deacons, S.S. Superintendents, Teachers and others filled the altar for a prayer service which was led by Rev. D. M. Edmisten.

On motion the time for the address of Brother Smith Hagaman was set up to the afternoon, of the first day. Announcements were made and Rev. D. W. Haga pronounced the benediction.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Rev. V. W. Green Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:30 p. m. and announced that Dr. J. C. Owen had been selected to deliver the sermon at the night session. The devotional service was led by Rev. David Sullins with prayer by R. T. Teague. The Clerk then passed out receipts to all the churches that had paid in their minute fund. The report on Hospitals was read by A. I. Greene and adopted after which Mr. Smith Hagaman delivered an interesting address on our Baptist Hospital work. This was followed by an address by E. F. Landers. The report on Periodicals was read by R. T. Teague, adopted and discussed. The report on Education was read by Rev. K. L. Haga and adopted. R. T. Teague read the report on Missions which was adopted and discussed by R. T. Teague and D. Buchanan. The report on Ministerial Relief was read by D. Buchanan after which the following committee was appointed to give further attention to the matter: A. I. Greene, Dewey Gouge and Robert Davis.

Report On Baptist Hospital

Brethren, we have a hospital at Winston-Salem to care for our sick. Brother Smith Hagaman, the superintendent, has on several occasions offered the services of the hospital to our people. Many have been cared for from our Association.

Brethren, let us support this great work. It is our hospital. We would love to urge our churches to take an offering at least once a year for this work.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Painter, A. I. Greene
Spencer McCloud

Report On Periodicals

People are largely influenced by what they read. Never before was there a time when our boys and girls stood more in need of pure literature which will instill high ideals, create a desire for pure living, and stimulate the readers to render unselfish service than now.

The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, The Commission, and Home Missions should be in every Baptist home. They contain the best thoughts of the best thinkers among our people. They promote the things that shall win. They bring a summary of our Baptist news, local and general, to our people. They give a Christian and Baptist interpretation to the events of the day. They give the achievements among our schools, our churches, our Sunday Schools, our B. T. U's, our W. M. U's, and laymen's work so that we may be informed as to the best methods of doing our work. They present letters from our missionaries at home and abroad and so inform us of what is being accomplished through our contributions.

The best is none too good for our homes. The future homes depend on the Christian culture of the homes of this generation. So give your home the best by taking the above journals.

Respectfully submitted,
R. T. Teague, Committee

Report On Christian Education

We are not so much concerned with Christian education in our colleges in this report, for we are well aware of the fact that they are rendering a consecrated and efficient service. We believe that a more constructive work should be done in our local churches in some kind of a program for Christian Education in them. Our hope is in the proper training and development of our young people. As they are trained in the schools we must keep pace with them in a church program that demands their attention and support. A number of our churches are just marking time, "dead and don't know it" in the minds of our youth. This will continue until we awake to the possibilities of preparing a year's program, with activities of an educational feature that is operative through our Sunday schools and B. T. U's with the help and support of Pastors that will visualize the opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. Haga, John Farrar,
W. W. Braswell

Report On Missions

According to the minutes of 1940, fourteen of the twenty-five churches in the Avery Association gave $235.29 to missions. According to the Biblical Recorder sixteen of the twenty-five churches gave $218.33 for six months, January through June, to missions. This shows a decided gain trend, but the sad fact remains that we still have nine churches that are not missionary, and one of these nine churches was missionary the year before. Three non-missionary churches have become missionary, and one missionary church has become non-missionary.

The crying need is for some one in every church to see to it that an offering is taken each month for missions. Were this done there would be no non-missionary church.

Respectfully submitted,
R. T. Teague, J. L. Pyatte, Committee

Report On Ministerial Relief

We, your committee on Ministerial Relief, notice that in the report of this committee last year they recommended some certain arrangements be made to help out the old and worn out pastors. We are wondering if this has ever been done. If not, we would recommend that a committee of three be appointed to look after this matter and that they contact our old ministers and see what kind of shape they are in, and further that the churches that they belong to are requested to look after their needs and see that they do not suffer. We think that it is the duty of the home church and if they need other help to call on the churches next nearest to them.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Buchanan, W. W. Pyatte,
Dewey Gouge.

Rev. J. C. Brown read the report on Pastoral support which was adopted and discussed. The report on Stewardship was read by Rev. David Sullins, adopted and discussed. After a song service Rev. J. C. Pipes gave an interesting address on "self sacrifice". Announcements were made, assignments of delegates to homes were read and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. D. M. Edmisten.

Report On Pastoral Support

We your committee on Pastoral Support report that the members of the 26 Baptist Association paid our pastors in the years 1938—$2,359.48; in the year 1939—$1,437.63; in the year 1940—$2,307.10.

May God help us as his servants to strive to do more than ever in the support of our Pastors.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. C. Brown, Fritz Hall, A. D. Ollis.

Report On Stewardship

Many people want to acknowledge Jesus as Saviour, but not as Lord. Only one name to be saved in. That is all right, but faith won't save you alone. "Why call me Lord, Lord and do not what I say?"

God's plan for financing His Kingdom, by all who worship Him is the tithe, Lev. 27:30-34 "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree is the Lord's: It is holy unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem aught of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be held unto the Lord. He shall not search whether it be good or bad neither shall he change at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed. These are the commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses for the children of Israel in Mt. Sinai."

The Apostle Paul picks up the same in I Cor. 9:13, 14 "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

God's challenge to all Christians, Malachi 3:10 "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

In the New Testament God's laws are written on fleshly tables of the heart, but this doesn't do away with the law. It helps us to keep the law. So the tithe of all we make is already the Lord's. So if we want to give an offering we must give beyond the tithe.

When shall we gather the tithes and offerings? I Cor. 16:1, 2 "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, so do ye: Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him. that there be no gatherings when I come."

Malachi 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In the tithes and offerings."

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. David Sullins.

Friday, August 22, 1941

The Association convened at 9:30 a. m. with the devotions led by Rev. J. C. Brown. Prayer by Rev. Spencer McCloud. The following visitors were introduced, John Arch McMillen of Mills Home and M. A. Adams representing the United Dry Forces.

The Orphanage report was read by Rev. K. L. Haga and adopted. A thrilling account of the Orphanage work was then given by Brother McMillen after which D. M. Edmisten was elected Orphanage Representative for the coming year. On motion S. C. Braswell, J. G. Buchanan, Ed. Buchanan and D. Buchanan were appointed a committee to get up a load of produce immediately to send to Thomasville.

Report On Baptist Orphanage

The children of the Baptist orphanage work of North Carolina are classified as, full orphans, half orphans and victims of desertion and wrecked homes. These children are being cared for by three well organized methods, Mothers Aid, Boarding Homes and the Orphanage proper. The cost of running the Orphanage is a little more than $500 a day. There is a constant stream of human want that goes on from day to day. We need amonthly contribution from each Sunday school, a special donation of produce in season, a real Thanksgiving offering in November and a club of Charity and Children readers in every Church and Sunday school in the Avery Association if we are to meet our own obligations to the Orphanage work. We challenge every church to a program of bigger things for our Orphanage work next year.

K. L. Haga, Mrs. S. E. Pritchard,
Vester Stafford.

The Moderator appointed R. T. Teague to prepare a report on Temperance after which M. A. Adams was introduced and addressed the body on the work of Temperance. An offering was taken for the work and $3.35 was received and turned over to Brother Adams. The report on the State of Churches by J. D. Braswell and adopted after which Brother Braswell gave one of the most thrilling speeches of the session.

STATE OF CHURCHES IN AVERY ASSOCIATION

Your committee on the State of Churches, beg to submit the following:

CHURCH, When Jesus Christ was on earth He gathered about Him a body of followers who accepted His teachings and spread them after His Resurrection. Within a few years this organization became known as the Church. In the Book of Revelation the Church is spoken of as the bride of Christ, meaning all who have become his followers. This makes the Church a spiritual body, and this is what the word means in its broadest sense.

What is the state or condition of this spiritual body? This question can best be answered by observing just what is being done in a spiritual way and comparing it with what has been done in the past. Your committee is of the opinion that the churches of today have not the power and the influence that the Apostolic churches had nor even the churches of a decade ago. The opinion of your committee is that the cause of this falling off in power and spiritual influence is a lack of spiritually called leaders, who do not have the courage to stand up and witness for Christ by teaching and proclaiming the doctrines of the New Testament as did Paul and the other apostles of Jesus Christ.

J. D. Braswell, Chairman.

The following committee was appointed to revise the constitution and make their report at the next session of the Association: J. D. Braswell, K. L. Haga, Dewey Gouge, Dayton Jones, E. F. Landers. The Finance report was read by R. T. Teague and adopted. Benediction was pronounced by R. T. Teague.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1940

Received from the following:

Aaron	$ 1.50
Beech Mountain	1.22
Belview	2.00
Cranberry	1.00
Crossnore	3.00
Elk Park	2.00
Flat Springs	2.00
Elk Valley	1.50
Green Valley	2.00
Henson Creek	1.00
Jonas Ridge	1.00
Minneapolis	1.00
Pleasant Hill	2.00
Pleasant Valley	1.00
Yellow Mountain	1.50
Powder Mill	1.00
Big Meadows	1.50
Collection at Association	.41
Mount Pleasant	1.00
Oak Grove	1.00
Pineola	2.00

Newland	5.00
Collection at S. S. Convention	4.00
Total Received	$39.63
Paid out:	
Yancey Record, Printing Minutes	$40.00
Postage	1.14
	$41.14
Deficit	1.51

Respectfully submitted,
R. T. Teague

Friday Afternoon Session

The Association met at 1:30 p. m. Devotions were led by Rev. Tommy Deaton.

On motion made by Dayton Jones the following Executive committee was elected to serve for next year: V. W. Greene, J. C. Brown, D. Buchanan, K. L. Haga, R. L. Painter, R. T. Teague, J. D. Braswell. E. F. Landers made a speech at this time on the progress of our work. The following were then elected to serve as a finance committee for next year: R. T. Teague, D. Buchanan, Dewey Gouge.

Rev. K. L. Haga read the report on Obituaries and the congregation stood in silence while Rev. Deyton Jones led in prayer. The Resolutions report was read by Ed. Buchanan and adopted. The report on Time, Place, and Preacher was read by D. Buchanan and adopted. Announcements were made and the Association adjourned with the benediction by Rev. V. W. Greene.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

AARON—Mr. James W. Hayes

MT. PLEASANT—Mrs. Emaline Burleson.

BIG MEADOWS—Daniel Phillips, Deacon, Miss Orene Carpenter.

BELLVIEW—Mr. T. C. Whitington.

CRANBERRY—Mr. Jack McCrary.

ELK PARK—Mrs. Doris Shores.

BEECH MT.—Mr. Charlie Andees, Mr. George Story.

FLAT SPRINGS — Mr. Jacob Brown.

FALL CREEK—Mrs. Julia Ann McCloud.

JONAS RIDGE — Mrs. Susan Keller, Mrs. Etta Shell, Mr. Wiley Woody.

PINEOLA — Mr. Sim Woody, Deacon.

PLEASANT HILL—Mr. Dennis Ollis.

ROARING CREEK — Mrs. Mary Burleson.

Our Honored Dead.

Respectfully submitted,
P. A. Shell, A. I. Greene.

Report Of Committee On Resolutions

We, your committee on the Resolutions wish to express for ourselves and all the visiting brethren and sisters our deep appreciation for the way that you have entertained us with your kind fellowship and for the bounteous dinner served on two occasions. We especially want to thank the kind sisters who prepared this fine food.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. F. Hall, Ed W. Buchanan,
J. D. Braswell

Report Of Committee On Time And Place

We, your committee on Time and Place recommend that the next session of this association be held with the Elk Valley church to be held on Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1942, and that Rev. Spencer McCloud preach the introductory sermon and Rev. D. M. Edmisten be alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. Buchanan

REV. V.W .G REENE, Moderator.
REV. K. L. HAGA, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE AVERY COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Held At Mt. Pleasant Church, Friday, July 25, 1941

The Sunday School Convention met with the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Friday, July 25 with Rev. K. L. Haga presiding. Rev. J. C. Brown, R. T. Teague, Rev. V. W. Greene, Rev. D. Sullins, Rev. D. M. Edmisten addressed the convention.

Rev. K. L. Haga was elected Associational Superintendent of Sunday Schools for the coming year. Dewey Gouge elected Secretary. The County Sunday School Convention and the County B. T. U. Convention will meet in joint session Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in July with the Big Meadows Church. All Sunday Schools and B T.U.'s are urged to be represented in this convention.

TABLE NO. I

CHURCHES	Pastors and Post Offices	S. S. Superintendents and Post Offices	Preaching Dates	Church Members	S. S. Members	Baptisms	Deaths
1. Aaron	R. L. Painter, Balm,	Edgar Pritchard, Montezuma	3 4	125	115		1
2. Big Meadow	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	O. J. Benfield, Pyatte	2	129	93		2
3. Bell View	J. C. Brown, Cranberry	Frank McKinney, Cranberry	3	128	90	8	1
4. Beech Mt.	Carl Roberts, Elizabethton, Tenn.	A. V. McGuire, Whaley	1 3	221	107		2
5. Chestnutdale	W. S. Woody, Spruce Pine	Rom Huffan, Frank	2	34	57		
6. Cranberry	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	B. B. Ollis, Cranberry	4	76		9	
7. Crossnore	John Farror, Crossnore	Herbert B. Gray, Crossnore	1 2 3 4	130	89		
8. Elk Park	Glen Gentry, Elk Park	C. C. Huskins, Elk Park	1 3	62	74		
9. Elk Valley	W. C. Payne, (Blowing Rock	H. M. Horney, Banner Elk	4	133	50	15	2
10. Fair View	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	I. W. Woody, Ingalls	1	22			
11. Fall Creek	Deyton Jones, Heaton	Arlie Parlier, Heaton	2	129	87	2	1
12. Flat Springs	Joseph Miller, Butler, Tenn.	W. R. Trivette, Whaley	2	177	141	27	1
13. Green Valley	J. C. Brown, Cranberry	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	2 4	87	88	5	
14. Henson Creek	J. Y. Sparks, Toecane	Odell (Burleson, Spear	2	56	66		
15. Jonas Ridge	David Sullins, Altapass	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge	3	66	89	1	3
16. Minneapolis	Garfield Hughes, Valley	Mack Holtsclaw, Minneapolis	4	115	75		
17. Mt. Pleasant	David Sullins, Altapass	Arthur Horney, Crossnore	4	81	98	14	1
18. Newland	Don Edmisten, Sugar Grove	Bruce Daniels, Newland	1 3	190	117	16	
19. Oak Grove	V. W. Green, Pineola	J. A. Ledford, Newland	2	61	65		
20. Pineola	V. W. Green, Pineola	Edward Green, Pineola	1 2	89	88	2	1
21. Pleasant Hill	Deyton Jones, Heaton		1	254		8	2
22. Pleasant Valley	V. W. Green, Pineola	Mosley Whittington, Elk Park	4	91	95		
23. Powdermill	J. H. Hughes, Valley	Will McKinney, Senia	2	45	54	5	
24. Roaring Creek	J. H. Hughes, Valley	C. M. Thomas, Valley	3	79	95	6	
25. Yellow Mt.	R. L. Painter, Balm	Claude Stafford, Plumtree	1 3	85	110		

TABLE NO. II

CHURCHES	REGULAR CLERK AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Value of Church Property	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Baptist Training Unions	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals
1. Aaron	Harlan Ledford, Montezuma	3.66	4000.				1		13.79	
2. Big Meadow	Mrs. Lawrence Carpenter, Pyatte		2000.						26.60	9.11
3. Bell View	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry	7.06	1500.						3.00	2.69
4. Beech Mt.	Hugh Story, Whaley		1000.	3.30	22.82		1		12.99	7.00
5. Chestnutdale	Rom Huffman, Frank		3000.							
6. Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCurry, Cranberry						1			
7. Crossnore	Mrs. Dorothy Blue, Crossnore		3500.	3.00			1		10.00	4.81
8. Elk Park	Mrs. R. N. Cardwell, Elk Park	6.45	1500.	14.13		2.65		10.00	32.37	2.36
9. Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk		1700.							
10. Fair View	Lonza Woody, Ingalls		600.							
11. Fall Creek	B. F. McGuire, Whaley		1000.						22.76	15.00
12. Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek		800.						28.78	10.00
13. Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	15.25	1500.		14.96				3.00	3.00
14. Henson Creek	Mrs. Stella Dellinger, Spear		640.						5.00	
15. Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie Shell, Jonas Ridge	28.00	1200.	7.50	2.00	6.00			18.48	8.20
16. Minneapolis	Miss Maude Buchanan, Minnea.		1500.						12.76	7.50
17. Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. H. Daniels, Newland		1500.						1.50	1.00
18. Newland	Ratha L. Hughes, Newland	77.35	5000.				2		60.19	18.18
19. Oak Grove	M. B. Vance, Newland	5.50	900.				1		7.22	1.25
20. Pineola	Mrs. Grady Stewart, Pineola	22.53	2900.	3.00	1.45	2.85	1	3.57	27.35	3.00
21. Pleasant Hill	Lawrence Ollis, Frank		5000.						24.87	
22. Pleasant Valley	Albert Hicks, Elk Park		500.	1.94						2.50
23. Powdermill	I. J. Green, Senia									
24. Roaring Creek	W. G. Gouge, Valley									
25. Yellow Mt.	D. Buchanan, Spear		5000.					3.78	7.00	

TABLE NO. 3

CHURCHES	Regular Treasurers and Post Offices	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S.S. and Other Organizations	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Amount Suggested for Co-operative Program
1. Aaron	Harry Ledford, Montezuma	83.16					30.00	33.91		2.00		50.
2. Big Meadow	L. Pyatte, Pyatte	55.45					7.00	27.21		2.00	10.00	100.
3. Bell View	Mrs. Dewey Gouge Cranberry	90.00		18.50	661.82		14	23.29	15.00	2.00	3.00	50.
4. Beech Mt.	Truman Church, Heaton	128.90		39.23	8.95		41.9	25.19	1.95	1.22		50
5. Chestnutdale	D. S. Huffman, Frank	68.31		5.00	35.00		10.00	15.00	5.00	.50		40.
6. Cranberry	Mrs. E. J. Wright, Cranberry	30.00		100.00			40.00	35.00	100.	2.00	15.00	50.
7. Crossnore	Mrs. J. P. Dellinger, Crossnore	188.00	10.00		254.60		35.00	40.00	20.00			100.
8. Elk Park	Mrs. E. D. Odom, Elk Park	35.00	10.44	9.05	7.55		52.0	28.05	11.16	2.00		40.
9. Elk Valley		157.80		38.34	400.00		8.00	17.00		2.00		40.
10. Fair View		50.00							5.63	1.00		10.
11. Fall Creek		126.16	70.00	62.07	32.53			14.00	4.84	2.00		50
12. Flat Springs	Russell Morris, Beech Creek	121.96		29.72	20.00		2.00	28.21		2.60		50.
13. Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	226.00				42.50	41.51	28.81	8.50	2.00	25.00	30.
14. Henson Creek	F. E. Braswell, Spear	40.00		13.87					13.00	1.00		20.
15. Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell, Jonas Ridge	161.00	7.01	15.41			39.4	25.53	9.50	1.00		50.
16. Minneapolis	Maude Buchanan, Minneapolis	65.00	12.66	16.40			27.00	13.34	1.15	2.30	20.50	50.
17. Mt. Pleasant	H. S. Burleson, Newland	60.00		19.00	55.00	15.00	14.50	18.00		1.00		50.
18. Newland	Finley Banner, Newland	435.90		211.60	130.20		54.48	58.83	24.83	5.00	45.00	300.
19. Oak Grove		72.15	10.00		11.50		1.45	18.68		2.40		30.
20. Pineola	Mrs. Mary Weatherman, Pineola	92.35		7.76			38.81	20.19		2.00	3.55	50.
21. Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Luther Ollis, Frank	194.02		46.11			66.77	56.00	16.00	3.00		100.
22. Pleasant Valley		50.36		4.00			3.00	10.00	18.00	1.45		40.
23. Powdermill	T. J. Green, Senia	63.71	11.98					16.00	28.18	1.00		15.
24. Roaring Creek		30.00		14.40	50.00		8.00	8.00	15.00	1.00		30.
25. Yellow Mt.	T. J. Green, Spear	193.26		8.00	300.88		30.84	25.34	20.00	2.46	12.50	25.00

Minutes

—of the—

Thirty-first Annual Session

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AUGUST 20 AND 21, 1942

OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

R. T. Teague	Moderator
D. Buchanan	Clerk
Rev. J. C. Brown	Treasurer
Rev. K. L. Haga	Historian

The next session will be held with Bell View Baptist Church on Wednesday and Thursday before fourth Sunday in August, 1943.

Rev. J. C. Brown will preach the Introductory Sermon and V. W. Greene will be the alternate.

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Committees For 1943 Session

ORDER OF BUSINESS—Associational Officers.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—K. L. Haga, W. W. Braswell, R. T. Lewis.
B T U—Mrs. Eula C. Lecka, Harlan Ledford, Mrs. P. A. Shell.
W M U—Mrs. B. H. Winters, Mrs. R. L. Shirley, Mrs. T. P , Dellinger
PERIODICALS— G. W. Greene, Mrs. D. Buchanan, A. I. Greene.
EDUCATION—R. L. Painter, Mrs. Vonnie Taylor, Miss Edith Cardwell.
MISSIONS—J. D. Braswell, Dayton Jones, Mrs. Fritz Hall.
STEWARDSHIP—Spencer McCloud, Mrs. Ira M. Vance, Frank McGuire.
OBITUARIES—Ed W. Buchanan, Mrs. R. T. Teague, Landon Shell.
HOSPITALS—J. C. Brown, D. M. Edmisten, Morley Whittington.
MINISTERIAL RELIEF—Bob Campbell, Dewey Gouge, Vester Stafford.
TEMPERANCE—R. T. Lewis, Vivian Brown, Dudley Trivette.
ORPHANAGE—D. M. Edmisten, Albert Calaway, Mrs. W. H. Daniels.
STATE OF CHURCHES—K. L. Haga, D. Buchanan, Mrs. Margaret Jones.
FINANCE—J. C. Brown, A. D. Ollis, V. M. Calloway.
PASTORIAL SUPPORT—Tommy Deaton, J. G. Hughes, W. W. Pyatte.
DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS—D. M. Edmisten, W. W. Braswell, K. L. Haga.

Executive Committee

R. T. LEWIS—DEWEY GOUGE

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1 This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2 The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures to churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional fifty members or major fraction an additional Delegate.

Objects

Art. 3 The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches, and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers and Prerogatives

Art. 4 The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecelesiastical legislature nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5 The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon application of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6 Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties Of The Churches

Art. 7 It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association fund to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letters read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Organization

Aet. 8 The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Historian. Clerk and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected immediately after the church letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office to commenre at the conhlusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session of the Association.

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator. Treasurer and two other members named by the Association. publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12 It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13 This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the Body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

Rules of Order

I. MEETINGS.

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No persons shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject mithout permission of the body.

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. BUSINESS.

1. Call the roll of churches and enroll delegates.

2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on state of churches.

3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.

4. Receive new churches.

5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6. Fill any vacancy in organization.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Adopt and follow report of committee on order of business as to subjects and discussions.

9. Election of officers.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure

of the Body.

11. All customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn.	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Val.	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yel'w Mtn.	N. S. Hampton	Ed. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Ck	N. S. Hampton	Ed. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
	A memorial service for N. S. Hampton by K. L. Haga			
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Pow. Mill	Ed W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mt. Plea.	Ed W. Buchanan	W. B. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Be'ch Mtn.	E. W. Buchanan	W. B. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Val.	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yel'w Mt.	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud

DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE CHURCHES

AARON: Mr. W. H. Ledford, Mrs. Pearl Marshall, H. K' Ledford,
BELL VIEW: Frank McKinney, Joda Ollis, Ann McKinney.
BIG MEADOWS: J. L. Pyatte, Albert Calloway, Mrs. Lawrence Carpenter.
BEECH MOUNTAIN: Dave Trivette, Truman Church, A. V. McGuire.
CROSSNORE: Rev. John B. Hodges, Mrs. T. P. Dellinger, Paul Worth.
CHESTNUTDALE: Rom Hoffman, Lula Isaacs.
CRANBERRY: A. L. Wright, Mrs. A. L. Wright, B, B, Ollis,
ELK PARK: R. M. Cardwell, J. P. Guinn, Mrs. E, D, Odom,
ELK VALLEY: H. M. Horney, W. J. Cannon, D. T, Bailiff,
FAIRVIEW: Mrs. L..W Woody, L. W. Woody, Mrs. Avery Hoilman.
FLAT SPRINGS: Harvil Green, W. C. Phillips, Cleo Jones.
FALL CREEK: Liney Smith, J. L. Norris, N. C. Cook.

GREEN VALLEY: R. L. Hall, Mrs. R. L. Hall, Mrs. Fritz Hall.
HENSON CREEK: Paul Dellinger, Stokes McKinney.
HEATON: Grace Oaks, Mrs. Harlen Smith, Addie Cannon.
JONAS RIDGE: Mrs. Nellie Shell, L. C. Shell, J. D. Clark.
MINNEAPOLIS: Maude Buchanan, Pauline Buchanan, R. T. Lewis.
MT. PLEASANT: M. M. Johnson, Mrs. M. M. Johnson, Arthur Horney.
NEWLAND: R. T. Teague, Mrs. C. M. Lecka, Geneva Campbell.
OAK GROVE: Earl Gragg, J. L. Ledford, Grady Ledford.
PINEOLA: Mrs. Grady Steward, C. H. New, Jesse Buchanan.
PLEASANT HILL: V. W. Brown, Hazel Ollis, Ed Buchanan, Noa Buchanan.
PLEASANT VALLEY: Marley Whitington, Nat Hicks.
ROARING CREEK: C. M. Thomas, Lloyd Young, Mrs. Eva Hughes.
YELLOW MOUNTAIN: Mrs. D. Buchanan.
POWDER MILL: T. J. Greene.

PASTORS AND PREACHERS OF AVERY ASSOCIATION WITH POST OFFICES

R. L. Painter—Balm
J. C. Brown—Cranberry
Spencer McCloud—Cranberry
Carl Roberts—Bristol, Va.
John B. Hodges—Crossnore
W. C. Payne—Blowing Rock
J. G. Hughes—Valley
Joseph Miller—Butler, Tenn.
J. A. Buchanan—Clarissa
Bob Campbell—Cranberry
David Sullins—Altapass
D. M. Edmisten—Sugar Grove
K. L. Haga—Newland
V. W. Greene—Pineola
Deyton Jones—Heaton

Not Pastors

Ham Hopson—Valley
C. M. Thomas—Valley
T. C. Hicks—Hughes
Joe Phillips—Pineola
Jess Cook—Minneapolis
Rubin Cook—Minneapolis
Jeff Pyatte—Minneapolis
Ernest Butler—Jonas Ridge
G. A. Guy—Whaley
Gather Harmon—Whaley

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, A. M., August 20, 1942

The Association met with Elk Valley Church at 10.00 A. M., and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. V. W. Greene. Then came singing by the choir. Devotional was conducted by Rev. Carl Roberts who read the twelfth chapter of Romans and prayer. On motion the program as printed was adopted. The clerk called the roll of churches and letters from all but one church were handed in and their delegates seated.

Visitors were called for and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Eller, Rev. W. C. Payne from Stoney Fork Association, Rev. N. M. Green from Three Forks assisted. New Pastors J. Hodges and Rev. J. T. Melton, Methodist pastor.

The report on changes of the Associational Constitution was read and adopted, after which the following committees were appointed:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: Ed Buchanan, Dewey Gouge, K. L. Haga.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE: J. D. Braswell, Jesse Buchanan, Dave Bailiff.

Song by the choir, and a collection was taken to pay for printing the program, amounting to $4.11; the printing was $3.50. The election of officers was then transacted. K. L. Haga nominated J. D. Braswell, Jesse Buchanan nominated V. W. Greene, A. V. McGuire nominated R. T. Teague, and Dewey Gouge nominated Ed Buchanan. A vote was taken by ballot and there was no election, so second vote was taken on Ed Buchanan and R. T. Teague was declared elected. The vote was then made unanimous. S. C. Braswell nominated K. L. Haga for Clerk. Dewey Gouge nominated D. Buchanan. Vote was taken, and D. Buchanan was declared elected and made unanimous. K. L. Haga and J. C. Brown were nominated for treasurer and by a standing vote J. C. Brown was declared elected. K. L. Haga was elected for Historian. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Spencer McCloud, and meeting was adjourned until 1:30 P. M. by K. L. Haga.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Afternoon session Association met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Singing, devotional and prayer were conducted by Rev. Deyton Jones. Business was transacted as follows:

A report on Missions was read by J. C. Brown and discussed by M. A. Huggins, secretary of Baptist State Convention in a very eloquent speech and was well listened to.

Report On Missions

According to the Minutes of 1940, fourteen churches of the twenty-five churches gave to Missions. According to the 1941 Minutes, fifteen churches of the twenty-six gave to Missions. They gave to the Cooperative Program $207.52, Home Missions $68.41, State Mission $34.15, Foreign Mission $26.59, State Schools $18.04. The total for all missions $354.71. We still have eleven churches that are not missionary. The need if for someone in our twenty-six churches to take an offering once a month in all of our churches. The cry still is "Come over in Macedonia and help us."

Respectfully submitted, your committee
Rev. J. C. Brown, Rev. D. M. Edmisten
Rev. Tommy Deaton.

On motion, R. T. Lewis and Dewey Gouge were elected on the executive committee of this Association.

A report on the orphanage was read by D. M. Edmisten and discussed by him and J. A. McMillen in a very interesting and impressive manner.

Report On Baptist Orphanage

In the 25th chapter of Matthew we have the teaching of Jesus of the return of the Lord. In verse 40, He said, "The King shall say to them on His right hand, "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me." In our benevolent work we have not only a sacred duty, but a glorious opportunity.

We now have the opportunity of filling the jars furnished by the Orphanage, and we are extremely anxious that every church have a part in this. Last year we filled 125 1-2 dozen half gallon jars. ($376.50). We must not feel that we have fulfilled His mission until we have a monthly offering. A large Thanksgiving offering. a special offering of produce in season and a Charity and Children Club in every Sunday School.

In carrying on the work of our Orphanage, we may earn the commendation of our Lord in the words, "Well done."

D. M. Edmisten
J. W. Pyatte
A. D. Ollis.

Report on W. M. U. prepared by Mrs. R. L. Shirley and adopted; discussed by Miss Myrtle Zentmeyrs, W. M. U. field worker for North Carolina. Meeting was dismissed until 9:30 E.S.W.T. by D. M. Edmisten.

Report On Womans Missionary Union

As we make our W. M. U. report for the past year, we keep thinking of our beautiful watchword for 1943, taken from Psalm 43:3, "Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth." Surely the need for "His light and truth" have never been greater, than in these dark days.

We are indeed glad, that through our W. M. U., we can have a share in sending out the light and truth of our Saviour to the mlilions that are in darkness. We are glad to report that we have made an increase in some phases of our work, but there is still much to be done.

We regret that more churches in our Association do not have a Woman's Missionary Society. We only wish that more of our women knew the great joy it gives as we "labor together with God" to send "His light and truth," first "in Jerusalem" our own church and community, through Personal Service, and then "in Judea" our own state, through State Missions, and then "through out Samaria" our Southland, through Home Missions, and then "to uttermost parts of the earth" through Foreign Missions.

We deeply appreciate the help and cooperation of our Pastors, and we ask that you continue to help us as we pray, and try to make this prayer a realty, "Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. L. Shirley.

PROCEEDINGS OF SECOND DAY

Friday, August 21, 1942

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Singing, Devotional and prayer were led by Rev. Bob Campbell, after which the Moderator called on all Chrisians to kneel at the altar and offer a prayer for all our boys in the war and training camps. Prayer was led by Rev. G. A. Hamby, also Brother Hamby was welcomed to a seat.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by K. L. Haga. On motion, report was adopted and discussed by Mr. Haga and R. T. Teague. Next came a report on B. T. U.

Report On Sunday Schools

Our Sunday Schools are showing signs of growth in some of our churches. In others they are lacking in interest. We want to recommend that our schools give particular attention to the election of superintendents. Securing leaders who are qualified or at least those who are willing to become qualified. We want to insist that our Pastors take a greater interest in the Sunday Schools and endeavor to become a team-worker with their Superintendents in all the churches they serve. The time is now here when pastors, superintendents and teachers should take the work of the Sunday School as a golden opportunity to enlarge the Kingdom work through teaching and evangelism.

Our records show that for the past five years we have less and less Sunday School members recorded in our churches of the Association. Why can't we have more Sunday School members in all our churches than we have church members? Your work in your church will determine the answer.

K. L. Haga.

Report on Stewardship prepared by J. D. Braswell and read by K. L. Haga on motion was adopted, and discussed by D. M. Edmisten.

Report On Stewardship

We, your committee on Report of Stewardship beg to submit the following: In the 16th chapter of Luke we find these words, spoken by none other than Christ himself. There was a certain rich man which had a steward;; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods and he called him, "How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward". Now, your committee believes with all their heart that all Christians are stewards of God and that we owe it to ourselves and to God to support his Kingdom work here on earth. God has intrusted to his children both goods and talents for which we must give an account to Him as his stewards.

Owing to a lack of sufficient statistics it is impossible to make an intelligent report on this subject. Not knowing the amount of goods with which God has intrusted the membership of the churches. However, we find from the minutes of the last Association that we have about 2665 church members reported by letter to the Association and that we had only 110 baptisms during the Associational year. This shows very poor spiritual stewardship. What have we been doing with our spiritual and teaching talentse We further find that there was paid for all purposes, (being 17 different objects) the sum of $7865.93 which would approximately be $2.95 per member. Taking one tenth as the least that we should pay into God's treasury this would show that our average income per member was only $29.50 for the year 1941. Can we stand the test of stewardship on this account? The average church member will tell you that he has great faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ. But James tells us that as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. James 2:26: But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? James 2:20.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. Braswell, Chm. Committee.

Report on Ministerial Relief was discussed by R. T. Teague, D. M. Edmisten and K. L. Haga. Temperance Report was read and adopted. It was discussed by Ed Buchanan, R. T. Lewis, D. M. Edmisten, and Bob Campbell.

Report On Temperance

We, your committee on Temperance, find for the past few years there has been no Report on Temperance. When we as a people forget this vital issue, we then get what we don't want. As Christians, a village, town, city, county, state or nation get what the people want;; so may we as a body of Baptists resolve to control ourselves in a wet issue, drink dry and vote dry, regardless of our traditions, feelings and customs.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. C. Brown.

Hospitals were reported by Ed Buchanan and the report was adopted. It was discussed by Smith Hegeman in a very inspiring address. There was singing and dismissal with prayer by W. C. Payne for dinner.

Report On Baptist Hospital

We wish to recommend that our people support our hospital at Winston with our offerings and patronage as well, for Saint Paul commands the church to render unto all their dues; and we, as your committee, want to confess our faults in this for our brethren the faculty at our hospital and pledge them to do better in the future than in the past.

Respectfully,
Ed W. Buchanan (chm.)
Grace Hall
Dewey Gouge.

Friday Afternoon Session

Afternoon of the second day opened by singing. Devotional was conducted by Rev. Joe T. Melton and prayer.

Report on State of the Churches was read by K. L. Haga and discussed by him and J. C. Brown.

STATE OF CHURCHES IN AVERY ORGANIZATION

No church can be better than its members and if a church is to be effective in its community then it must root itself in the lives of those who compose its membership. Some of our churches are much divided. They divide perhaps more over the calling of Pastors than any other thing. This produces a sad state of affairs. Members are going off after other folks, some of whom are trying to take this country with their whoopee and ballyhoo that is a cross between a circus, and the heathen dances of the jungle tribes. When Christ reigns in the life of our people he rules them in saving the church. It is Christ or confusion. We must Christianize our Baptist churches in this county or else they will rot in their own selfishness and wickedness. We must worship God instead of preachers. We must let love and kindness toward each other rule our church life. When the principles of Christ become threaded into our lives then we are right toward God, right toward ourselves and right toward each other. Nothing short of this will save our churches in this Association from disaster and ruin.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. Haga
J. D. Braswell
D. Buchanan.

R. T. Teague explained a missionary move to have a woman worker to do the work in this county in the interest of W. M. U. and Young People's Organizations and the move was recommended by the Association and in this connection each church in this Association was to pay its pro rata part to the support of the worker and the State Convention was to pay the balance.

Report on past year finances was read by R. T. Teague and adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT ROR 1942

Received from the following:

Big Meadows	$ 2.00
Belview	2.00
Chestnutdale	.50
Cranberry	2.00
Elk Park	2.00
Flat Springs	2.60
Fall Creek	2.00
Green Valley	2.00
Henson Creek	1.00

Jonas Ridge	2.00
Minneapolis	2.30
Mt. Pleasant	1.00
Pineola	2.00
Pleasant Hill	1.92
Pleasant Valley	1.45
Powder Mill	1.00
Roaring Creek	1.00
Yellow Mountain	2.46
Elk Valley	2.00
Fairview	1.00
Oak Grove	2.75
Aaron	2.00
Newland	4.00
Beech Mountain	1.50
S. S. Convention	1.67
Total Received	$46.15
Paid Out:	
K. L. Haga, Deficit	$ 1.51
D. Buchanan, Printing Minutes	33.50
Total Paid Out	$35.01
Balance in treasury	11.14

R. T. TEAGUE, Treasurer

Obituaries were read by Dewey Gouge and motion was adopted and the Association sang "We Are Passing Away".

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, the Baptist Churches of Avery Association, mourn the loss of these friends who have departed from this life into the great Beyond, our loss is Heaven's gain, and their memories will never die.

BELLVIEW: Mr. Roy Hester, Mrs. W. M. Holtsclaw.
BEECH MOUNTAIN: Deacon F. F. Church.
CHESTNUTDALE: Mrs. Mary Braswell.
FLAT SPRINGS: Mrs. Line Mitchell, Mrs. Bina Harmon.
HENSON CREEK: Ebbie Pittman.
JONAS RIDGE: Mrs. Sarah Franklin, Mrs. Sam Pendley, Mr. Sam Pendley.
MINNEAPOLIS: Mr. R. Z. Burleson.
OAK GROVE: Mr. Oscar Hampton.
PINEOLA: Deacon R. G. Hughes.
PLEASANT HILL: Mrs. Mary Pittman, Mr. Will Short, Mr. N. B. Hughes.
SPEAR: Mrs. T. N. Watson.

Respectfully submitted,
Dewey Gouge

D. T. Bailiff reported on Time and Place and same was adopted.

Report Of Committee On Time And Place

We, your committee on Time and Place, recommend that the next session of this Association be held with the Bell View church, on Wednesday and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1943, and that Rev. J. C. Brown preach the introductory sermon, with V. W. Greene alternate.

D. M. Bailiff, J. G. Buchanan.

Report on Resolutions by Ed Buchanan was adopted.

Report Of Committee On Resolutions

Resolved that this Association tender a rising vote of thanks to this church and community for the fine manner in which they have entertained this meeting, also wish to thank our retiring Moderator for his fine service.

Respectfully, Ed. W. Buchanan.

It was moved and carried that the Clerk be paid $8.00 for his services.

Report on progress of the Association was read by D. M. Edmisten and adopted. Rev. D. M. Edmisten was appointed Orphanage representative for the Association.

Report On Associational Progress — 25 Churches Reporting

	1940-41	No. Churches Reporting	1941-42	Gain	Loss
Membership	2664		2679	15	
Baptisms	118	15	116		2
Sunday Schools	1943	21	1858		85
B. T. U.		7	237		
W. M. U.		2	41		
Local Contributions	$6,224.01		$9,702.65		$3,478.68
Missions and Benevolences	$6,224.01 701.85		$9,702.65— 1,442.43—	$3,478.86 740.58	
Total Gifts	6,925.86		11,145.08—	4,219.22	

Last year 18 churches gave $317.66 to the orphanage.

This year 18 churches gave $777.93; a gain of $460.27.

Last year 15 churches gave $95.51 to the Hospital.

This year 18 churches gave $178.08 to the Hospital, a gain of $82.57.

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. Edmisten

On motion report was adopted, Rev. J. C. Brown was to represent Hospitals.

R. T. Lewis and Ed Buchanan were appointed publishing committee to assist the Clerk.

It was reccomended that the proceedings of Avery County Sunday School Convention be printed in the minutes.

On motion the Association closed by singing and benediction. V. W. Greene, Moderator and D. Buchanan (Clerk).

TABLE No. I
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Preaching Dates	Members Reported Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revival Meetings During Year	Ob. of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
1. Aaron	R. L. Painter, Balm	2 4	111	5	2							118	yes	1	2	
2. Bell View	J. C. Brown, Cranberry	4	128			1	1	1			2	126	yes	1		
3. Big Meadow	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	2	129	3	3							135	no	1	1	
4. Beech Mtn.	Carl Roberts, Bristol, Va.	1 3	221	17	2		1	7	1	2	1	230	yes	1	2	
5. Crossnore	John B. Hodges, Crossnore	1 2 3 4	130									140	no	2	1	
6. Chestnutdale	R. L. Painter, Balm	2	34	4							1	37	no			
7. Cranberry	R. L. Painter, Balm	2 3 4	76		1							77	yes	1	1	3
8. Elk Park	——— ———	1 3	62					2		3	1	56	no		1	
9. Elk Valley	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	4	109									32		1	1	
10. Fair View	J. G. Hughes, Valley	1	22	4	4		2					32		1	1	
11. Flat Springs	Joseph Miller, Butler, Tenn.	2 4	177	16	1		1	4			2	189	yes	2	2	
12. Fall Creek	Joseph Miller, Butler, Tenn.	2	126	14	2			2				140	yes	2	2	
13. Green Valley	J. C. Brown, Cranberry	1 4	81	4		2						87	no	1	1	
14. Henson Creek	J. A. Buchanan, Clarissa	3	56	2					1		1	56	no	1	1	
15. Heaton	Bob Campbell, Cranberry	3				1				2		16	yes	1		
16. Jonas Ridge	David Sullins, Altapass	1 3	66	10	2	2					3	77	yes	1	1	1
17. Minneapolis	J. G. Hughes, Valley	4	115	3	1		1				1	118	no	1	1	
18. Mt. Pleasant	David Sullins, Altapass	4	45		2							47	yes	1	1	
19. Newland	D. M. Edmisten, Sugar Grove	1 3	181	8	2			1				190	no	1	2	
20. Oak Grove	K. L. Haga, Newland	3	94	9							1	102	no	1	1	13
21. Pineola	V. W. Greene, Pineola	1 2	89	8				2			1	94	yes	1	1	
22. Pleasant Hill	Deyton Jones, Heaton	1 3	250	9				4			4	251	yes	2	2	
23. Pleasant Valley	V. W. Greene, Pineola	4	91					3				88				
24. Powdermill	J. G. Hughes, Valley	2	39									39	no	1		2
25. Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes, Valley	3	74									74		1		
26. Yellow Mt.	R. L. Painter, Balm	1 3	85								1	84	no	1		1

TABLE II—S. S. ENROLLMENT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll Under 3 years	Beginners, 3-5 yrs.	Primaries, 6-8 yrs.	Juniors, 9-12 yrs	Intermediates, 13-16 yrs.	Young People 17-24 years	Adults, 25 yrs. & up	General and Depart. Officers	Tot. Enrollment—Main Sch. & Missions Of'rs, Teachs., Pupils	What is your av. at.?	Baptisms from S. S.	Is the School graded?
1. Aaron	W. W. Braswell, Montezuma		14	8	10	10	16	14	4	76	49		
2. Bell View	Frank McKinney, Cranberry	6	10	12	7	8	10	21		56	46		yes
3. Big Meadows	Don Carpenter, Pyatte		20	12	14	17	18	12		93	54	3	
4. Beech Mt.	A. V. McGuire, Whaley	5	15	10	28	15	12	20	10	115	72		
5. Crossnore	H. B. Gray, Crossnore		4	10	22	18	12	32	9	98	60		yes
6. Chestnutdale	Rom Hoffman, Frank		15		15	20		18	5	73	65		
7. Cranberry	B. B. Ollis, Cranberry												
8. Elk Park	Edith Cardwell, Elk Park								14		30		
9. Elk Valley	H. M. Horney, Banner Elk	7	8	10	10	6	12	6	8	67	45		
10. Flat Springs	W. A. Trivette, Whaley		27	8	16	26	28	41	11	146	100	8	
11. Fall Creek	T. B. Gryder, Heaton	10	16	12	22		24	27	8	119	40		
12. Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine		20	10	12	10	24	15	8	87	65	4	
13. Henson Creek	Hobert Dellinger, Spear	6	10		8	18	16	15	6	79	50		
14. Heaton	Grace Oaks, Heaton	4	6	2	3	7	5	5		30			
15. Jonas Ridge	G. D. Clark, Jonas Ridge								8				
16. Minneapolis	Fred Buchanan, Minneapolis			12	8	10	25	25		80	75	3	
17. Mt. Pleasant	Arthur Horney, Newland		10	8	12	10	20	16	6	82	60		yes
18. Newland	Bruce Daniels, Newland		9	17	18	35	5	30	13	114	72	8	
19. Oak Grove	Slite Braswell, Newland		12	8	14	15		15	11	75	50	8	
20. Pineola	J. V. Buchanan, Pineola			15	9	10	16	10	8	68	40		
21. Pleasant Hill	Vivian Brown, Frank	7	6	10	12	15	31	25	10	116	95	9	
22. Pleasant Valley	Morley Whittington, Elk Park		26	17	8		13	23	8	87	70		
23. Powdermill	George Watson, Senia		15	10		15		10		50			
24. Roaring Creek	Ford Young, Valley	10	12	13	12	18	14	8	8	89	54		
25. Yellow Mt.	Wade Buchanan, Spear		8	8	9	10	20	30	7	93	40		

TABLE IV. W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS, GIFTS AND MEN'S BROTHERHOODS

CHURCH: Newland—Mrs. R. L. Shirley president of W. M. S.—No. of Woman's Missionary Societies, 1; No. of Y. M. A.'s,; No. of G. A. s, 1; No. of Sunbeams, 1; Total of W .M. U. Organizations, 4; W. M. S. Members, 10! Y. W. A.'s Members, 17; G. A.'s Members, 8; Sunbeam Members, 6; Total Enrolled in Mission Study Course, 41; Contributions given by W. M. U., $90.89.

TABLE V.—Church Property

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Church Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Depart. As'bly Rooms	No. Sept. Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Materials Used
1. Aaron	Harlan Ledford, Montezuma	yes	1922	500	7	6	6	$4,000		$4,000		Con. Bl'ks.
2. Bell View	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry	yes	1941	175	1			1,200		1,200		Wood
3. Big Meadows	Mrs. Frances Carpenter, Pyatte	yes	1922	500	1		6	2,000		2,000		Wood
4. Beech Mt.	Hugh Storie, Whaley	yes	1892	300	8	8	7	2,500		2,500	$127.92	Wood
5. Crossnore	Mrs. Rorothy Blue, Crossnore	yes			7		6					Wood
6. Chestnutdale	Rom Hoffman, Frank	yes	1917	300				3,000		3,000		Wood
7. Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCurry, Cranberry	no	1907	300	6		5					Wood
8. Elk Park	Mrs. R. N. Cardwell, Elk Park	yes			5		4	1,500		1,500		Wood
9. Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk	yes	1942	500	2			1,000		1,000		Stone
10. Far View	Davie Hughes, Ingalls	yes	1939									Wood
11. Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek	yes	1904	300	1		5	800		800		Wood
12. Fall Creek	L. L. Story, Heaton	yes	1928	300	1			1,000		1,000		Wood
13. Green Val.	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	yes	1896	200	1			1,500		1,500		Wood
14. Henson Creek	Stella Dellinger, Spear							640		640		Wood
15. Heaton	Mrs. Harlan Smith, Heaton	yes	1928	300	1							
16. Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie Shell, Jonas Ridge	yes	1937	200	1			1,200		1,200		Wood
17. Minneapolis	Miss M'de Burleson, Minneapolis	yes	1933	200	1		6	1,500		1,500		Wood
18. Mt. Pleas.	Dorothy Daniels Newland	yes	1911	300	1			1,500		1,500		Wood
19. Newland	Louise Stout, Newland	yes	1922	300	6		4	3,000	$2,000	5 000		Wood
20. Oak Grove	M. V. Vance, Newland							900	1,000	1,900		Wood
21. Pineola	Mrs. Grady Stewart, Pineola	yes	1925	183	1			2,500	600	3,100		Wood
22. Pleasant Hill	Lawrence Ollis, Frank	yes	1910	500	1			3,000		3,000		Wood
23. Pleasant Val.	Albert Hicks, Elk Park	yes		150	1		3	500		500		Wood
24. Powdermill	T. J. Green, Senia	yes	1914	400	1			1.350		1;350		Wood
25. ———	W. G. Gouge, Valley	yes	1923	200	1			500		500		Wood
26. Yellow Mt.	D. Buchanan, Spear	yes	1940	500	1			5.000		5,000		Stone

TABLE VI. Gifts For Local Church Work

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASUERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent this Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S. and B.Y.P.U. & W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing Minutes and Clerk of Asso.	Other Objects	Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Its Organizations	Value Food and Clothing Given to Orphanage
1. Aaron	Mrs. Virty Hughes, Montezuma	$ 88.68	$ 24.42			$ 32.16	$31.16		$2.50		$ 178.95	$ 78.40
2. Beech Mt.	Truman Church, Heaton	300.00	72.00	$801.02		27.20	11.53		1.50	$16.72	$1,229.97	
3. Big Meadows	J. L. Pyatte, Pyatte	105.04	35.00	30.00		7.00	34.43	$ 20.00	2.00		230.61	45.31
4. Beech Mt.	Truman Church, Heaton	90.50	31.00	180.59	$151.09	19.98	23.43	8.00	1.50	12.50	528.62	
5. Crossnore	Mrs. Dorothy Blue, Crossnore	290.00	134.78	341.00		140.75	51.00		3.00	4.55	1,052.91	2.92
6. Chestnutdale	D. S. Hoffman, Frank	86.64	20.00	1.00		8.00	13.69	5.00	.56		143.83	
7. Cranberry	O. L. Wright, Cranberry	150.00	25.00			75.00	35.00	125.00	2.00		412.00	30.00
8. Elk Park	Mrs. Ed Odom, Elk Park	80.00	11.00	5.05	16.17	51.55	26.36		2.00	51.94	244.07	29.00
9. Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk	227.59	27.23	600.00		62.00	24.00		2.15		958.47	
10. Fair View	Lawrence Hoilman, Ingalls	60.00	20.00						2.00		82.00	
11. Flat Springs	Russell Norris, Beech Mt.	213.13	55.71	100.00		36.80	36.10	23.22	3.00	8.90	455.16	
12. Fall Creek		207.72	137.00				16.00	23.73	2.00	7.77	401.95	169.41
13. Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	229.00	15.12		13.35	24.17	34.44	23.50	3.00	50.00	422.41	16.87
14. Henson Creek	F. E. Braswell, Spear	35.43	10.00					15.00	1.00		76.43	12.00
15. Heaton		12.00				14.00					26.00	7.25
16. Jonas Ridge	R. A. Shell, Jonas Ridge	186.86	12.86	6.00		5.60	34.34	6.00	2.00		279.78	
17. Minneapolis	Miss Maude Buchanan, Minn.	85.65	31.00	8.00		24.00	15.58	31.53	2.00		196.09	105.45
18. Mt. Pleasant	Arthur Horney, Newland	50.00	10.00		5.00	3.00	12.00		1.00	5.00	83.00	25.87
19. Newland	Finley Banner, Newland	414.00	42.77	207.55	7.50	205.00	61.13		4.00	7.56	942.55	3.00
20. Oak Grove		110.64	81.59	15.95		21.00	19.31	5.00	2.75		297.24	96.57
21. Pineola	Beatrice Buchanan, Pineola	110.00	36.34	16.00		23.00	21.64	2.80	2.80		209.95	39.17
22. Pleasant Hill	Pearl Ollis, Frank	380.00	116.79	60.00		45.00	45.00	30.00	3.00		684.90	42.56
23. Pleasant Val.	Boyd Hicks, Elk Park	65.30	9.55				14.68		2.00		91.73	30.43
24. Powdermill	George Watson, Senia	61.10	29.20			22.08	17.20	23.75	1.00		154.43	
25. Roaring Creek	Fred Young, Valley	25.25	15.40			8.00	8.00	20.00	1.00		77.25	
26. Yellow Mt.	T. S. Green, Spear	123.00	30.00	159.00		39.28	22.80	8.00	1.60		434.46	12.11

Other Salaries: Aaron, $54.74; Pledged to Ministerial Relief: Chestnutdale, $2.20.

D. Buchanan ✓
Spear N.C.

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OFFICERS FOR 1944

R. T. Teague	Moderator
D. Buchanan	Clerk
J. C. Brown	Treasurer
K. L. Haga	Historian

The next session will be held with Elk Park Church on Wednesday and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1944. W. W. Ward will preach the introductory sermon and D. N. Jones will be his alternate.

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Committees for 1944

ORDER OF BUSINESS—Associational Officers.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—R. L. Painter, Ed W. Buchanan, J. L. Pyatte.
B. T. U.—Mrs. Eula C. Lecka, Mrs. Nellie Shell, Mrs. T. P. Dellinger.
W. M. U.—Mrs. B. H. Winters, Mrs. R. I. Shirley, Mrs. R. L. Hall.
PERIODICALS—K. L. Haga, W. W. Braswell, A. I. Greene.
EDUCATION—J. D. Braswell, Deyton Jones, Landon Shell.
MISSIONS—D. M. Edmisten, Mrs. Ira Vance, Frank McGuire
STEWARDSHIP—Spencer McCloud, Harlen Ledford.
OBITUARIES—T. P. Guinn, Landon Shell, R. N. Cardwell.
HOSPITALS—J. C. Brown, Morley Whitington, T. B. Grayder.
MINISTERIAL RELIEF—R. T. Lewis, Vivian Brown.
TEMPERANCE—V. W. Greene, Claud Stafford.
ORPHANAGE—Ed W. Buchanan, W. W. Pyatte.
STATE OF CHURCHES—D. M. Edmisten, Mrs. W. H. Daniels
FINANCE—J. C. Brown, A. D. Ollis, Albert Calloway.
PASTORIAL SUPPORT—J. G. Hughes, Arcus Ollis, T. P. Guinn.

Executive Committee

R. T. LEWIS—DEWEY GOUGE

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1 This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2 The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures to churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional fifty members or major fraction an additional Delegate.

Objects

Art. 3 The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers and Prerogatives

Art. 4 The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5 The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes teterodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon application of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6 Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of The Churches

Art. 7 It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association fund to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letters read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Organization

Art. 8 The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Historian, Clerk and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected immediately after the church letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session of the Association.

Duties of Officers

Art. 9 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10 It shall be the duty of the Vice Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11 It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator, Treasurer and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12 It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13 This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

Rules of Order

I. MEETINGS.

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No persons shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or more about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. BUSINESS.

1. Call the roll of churches and enroll delegates.

2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.

3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.

4. Receive new churches.

5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6. Fill any vacancy in organization.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Adopt and follow report of Committee on Order of Business as to subjects and discussions.

9. Election of officers.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

11. All customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn.	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chestnutdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mtn.	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Cr.	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
	A memorial service for N. S. Hampton by K. L. Haga.			
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powder Mill	Ed W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D Danner
1934	Mt. Pleasant	Ed W. Buchanan	W. B. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mtn.	Ed W. Buchanan	W. B. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mtn.	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Bell View	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown

DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE CHURCHES

Aaron: Mrs. Bessie Price, Virtie Hayes, Mrs. H. K. Ledford.

BELL VIEW: Frank McKinney, A. D. Ollis, Dewey Gouge.

BIG MEADOWS: Mrs. Lorance Carpenter.

BEECH MOUNTAIN: D. J. Trivett.

CROSSNORE: No delegate.

CHESTNUTDALE: No delegate.

CRANBERRY: Mrs. E. L. McKinney, Mrs. B. B. Ollis, Mrs. Virgil Davis.

ELK PARK: R. N. Cardwell, F. P. Guinn.

ELK VALLEY: Marian Horney, Steward Blair, Charley Cook.

FLAT SPRINGS: Lee Green, W. R. Trivett.

FALL CREEK: T. B. Grayder, Earl Carver.

FAIRVIEW: Carl Cook.

GREEN VALLEY: Mrs. Robt. Davis, R. L. Hall, Mrs. Hester Grindstaff.

HENSON CREEK: No delegate.

HEATON: Grace Oaks, Ada Cannon.

JONAS RIDGE: J. D. Clark, L. C. Shell, P. A. Shell, Mrs. Nellie Shell.

MINNEAUOLIS: Maude Buchanan, W. W. Pyatte, James Grindstaff, Leona Pyatte.

MT. PLEASANT: No delegate.

NEWLAND: Fred Taylor, Mrs. Eula Lecka, Mrs. Don Farthing, R. T. Teague.

OAK GROVE: No delegate.

PINEOLA: Jessie Buchanan.

PLEASANT HILL: Homer Pitman, Ed Buchanan, Ed. W. Buchanan, Dave English.

PLEASANT VALLEY: Noak Hicks, Morley Whitington, S. M. Presnell.

POWDER MILL: Hick Buchanan.

ROARING CREEK: No delegate.

YELLOW MTN: D. Buchanan, Martha Buchanan, Mrs. D. Buchanan.

PASTORS AND PREACHERS OF AVERY ASSOCIATION

Pastors

J. C. Brown
Spencer McCloud
Deyton Jones
K. L. Haga
Tom Stanley
R. L. Painter
J. G. Hughes
Ira Hodges
Lorance Hageman
D. M. Edmisten
V. W. Greene

Not Pastors

Joe Phillips
Ernest Butler
Jess Cook
Rubin Cook
Jeff Pyatte
I. W. Woody
Earl Crowder
L. W. Woody
C. A. Gage
Glen Gentry
Bob Campbell
W. A. Braswell
L. W. Sudderth

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to see the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

(Signed)______________________________

..Proceedings..

Thursday, A. M., August 18, 1943

The Association was called to order by singing and devotional service conducted by Rev. V. W. Greene, reading the 13th chapter of Corinthians and commenting on the same. Prayer was led by him. The Moderator then took charge of the meeting.

On motion by K. L. Haga the program of the Association was adopted as printed. Letters from the churches were called for and received by the committee. Visitors were recognized and invited to a seat including Smith Hagaman from the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, Rev. J. A. Buchanan of Mitchell County and Rev. M. O. Alexander, state missionary.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Time and place: Ed W. Buchanan, W. W. Pyatte, R. N. Cardwell, R. L. Painter, F. P. Guinn and J. C. Brown.

Committee on Constitution: K. L. Haga, V. W. Greene and Dewey Gouge.

On motion, all delegates present were seated.

A motion was seconded that the report on Hospitals be heard at the afternoon session of the first day instead of the second day as the Hospital representative was present.

The time having arrived to elect officers for the ensuing year a motion by F. P. Guinn was entertained that the present officers of the Association be retained as follows: R. T. Teague, moderator; Ed W. Buchanan, assistant moderator; D. Buchanan, clerk; J. C. Brown, treasurer; K. L. Haga, historian. The motion carried on a motion that F. P. Guinn cast the vote for the body, which he did.

A motion was carried that the record of the Sunday School convention be printed in the Association minutes.

At this time a collection was taken to pay for printing the programs of the Association. The amount collected was $7.36, and the cost of the programs was $2.75. The balance of $4.61 was turned over to the treasurer. Also on motion it was decided that 217 of the 5th Sunday meeting collection be turned in to the treasury.

This was followed by singing by the choir. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. J. C. Brown by reading the 26th chapter of Acts, 26th verse, followed by prayer led by J. K. Miller. Dismissed for noon by K. L. Haga.

Afternoon Session, First Day

The body was called to order by the moderator, singing by the Bell View choir. D. N. Edmisten conducted the devotional service from the 25th Chapter of Matthew, beginning at the 21st verse, commenting from same and prayer.

Report on Hospitals was read by J. C. Brown and on motion was adopted. The report was ably discussed by Smith Hagaman, Supt. of Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, N. C., also by R. T. Teague, K. L. Haga, D. N. Edmisten and M. A. Alexander.

The meeting adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Thursday and was dismissed by J C. Brown.

Report on Baptist Hospital

We wish to recommend that our people support our hospital at Winston-Salem, with our offerings and patronage as well. Jesus went about doing good and said "Render to Caesar that belongs to Caesar and render to God that belongs to God".

Our report for year ending 1943 is far better than it has been in previous years. We want to pledge ourselves to do better next year by the Lord's help, than we have this year.

J. C. Brown
D. M. Edmisten
Morley Whittington

PROCEEDINGS OF SECOND DAY

The meeting was opened by singin.g The devotional service was conducted by Robert Davis by reading the 11th chapter of Hebrews with good comment and prayer.

The Moderator called the Association to order and the following business was transacted: Report on W. M. U. was read by the Moderator and a motion was adopted. Discussion by Mrs. Eula C. Lecka, R. T. Teague and Ed W. Buchanan.

Report on W. M. U.

As we come to make our report for the past year, we rejoice in what progress we have made. But as we look at the number of churches in our Association and see only two with a W.M.S. organization in them, we see a great need for others to share in the work. We see the need of working together to give our young people a missionary education. We have great opportunities to teach and enlighten our youth so that when these dark days are over they may be ready to go, as our Master commanded "Unto the uttermost parts of the earth". May we, in this Association, take advantage of these opportunities, and do what we can "while it is yet day". We hope and pray that the time will soon come when each church will have a Women's Missionary Society, and can know the joy of truly being "Laborers together with God."

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. R. L. Shirley

Report on Sunday Schools read by K. L. Haga and adopted. Discussed by him, J. C. Brown, D. N. Edmisten and Robert Davis.

Report on Sunday Schools

Jesus established the church as the means through which his work might be carried on. His church was to be made up of Baptized Believers", those who had repented of their sins, believed on him as Lord and Savior, and followed him in baptism. They were to be his followers, to witness of him, to preach, and to teach others also that they might in turn teach others and they still others and on in ever widening circles to carry out the purpose of Christ for a lost world.

The Sunday School is the organization of the church set definitely to the task of teaching the Bible. Not all preaching is teaching, therefore we must depend largely upon our Sunday Schools to teach the word that the lost may be won to a saving knowledge of Christ and the church trained and developed in witness bearing, soul winning and Christian living. The Sunday School work in our churches determines their success or failure. Isn't it time that we take this work seriously and get down to the business of training superintendents and teachers for the mighty task ahead. Let's join hand and heart in a great forward movement this coming year in the Avery Association that men, and women, boys and girls may be brought into our churches in large numbers and that they may be saved to service.

K. L. Haga

Report on the Baptist Orphanage was read by D. N. Edmisten and was adopted and was discussed by him. He called to the platform three boys from the Baptist orphanage who were on a visit to their friends in this Association. They were Richard Whitington, 12 years old, Wesley Whitington, 9, and Billy Joe Whitington 7.

Richard told the audience what he did at the orphanage. Then I. G. Greer, Superintendent of the Orphanage, made a fine address on the subject "Let Us Make Man", a challenge to us to live the Christian life.

Out of custom on motion an offering was taken for the orphanage by the three boys. This amounted to $41.40 to be sent to the orphanage.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

We have two homes, one at Thomasville and one at Kinston, under the able leadership of I. G. Greer, General Superintendant. They are not only our care but our blessing. We now have around 800 children to care for. Seven of them are from the Avery Association. May we continue in our several churches until we are sending an offering each month, a large Thanksgiving offering and produce in season. Let us recommend that each church have Charity and Children so we may keep informed about our children.

In 1941 we filled 125½ doz. jars, amt.	$376.50
In 1942 we filled 73 doz. jars and produce	288.85
A loss of	$ 87.65

Our monthly offerings have increased. We are sorry we cannot give a report as to the increase, but our records were incomplete on our Associational records last year.

May we look at Matthew 25, 41-46 and do thou likewise.

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. Edmisten, Chmn.
Albert Calloway
Mrs. W. H. Daniels
Committee.

Report on Time and Place was read by Ed W. Buchanan and on motion was adopted.

Report on Time and Place

We recommend that the next session be held at Elk Park Church on Wednesday and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1944 and that W. M. Ward preach the introductory sermon and D. N. Jones be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
R. N. Caldwell
W. W. Braswell
R. L. Painter
Ed W. Buchanan
A. D. Ollis
Committee.

The meeting was dismissed for dinner until 1:30 by Deyton Jones.

Afternoon Session, Second Day

The Association was called to order by the Moderator with singing by the Bell View choir led by their leader. Mr. Arcus Ollis. He was present at every session with his well trained choir, which was appreciated by the delegates and they received lots of comments for their good singing.

Devotion was conducted by Rev. Deyton Jones by reading the first chapter of Corinthians with comments and prayer.

Report on Temperance was read by R. T. Lewis and adopted. Discussed by Deyton Jones.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The people of America pay to the liquor dealers more than four billion dollars a year, enough if collected in Federal taxes to pay the total indebtedness of the Federal Government in less than 30 years. Still we become alarmed at the size of this indebtedness. This amount is in addition to the amount spent at the blockaders and speakeasy joints, which in our opinion is almost if not as much as is paid to the legalized liquor dealers. This amount is more than twice as much as is spent for education of all kinds by the people of the nation. It is about nine times as much as is contributed by all the churches for all religious purposes.

But this is not all. The best authority estimates that the time lost, hospital and doctor bills paid out on account of the use of intoxicating liquors is in excess of five billion dollars. These figures are apalling and make one wonder why the people of our great nation will tolerate such evil. And why church members will be so indifferent as to go to the polls and vote for men to make our laws both state and national that will support such conditions. Let us wake up and demand of the ones that ask our sufferage that they support legislation that will at least better conditions.

We ask the pastors of this Association to preach at least one layman's sermon a year to their churches on temperance and ask that each church organize a Temperance Society and invite all denominations to participate in it. We further recommend that that we have a County Temperance Rally once a year at the County seat and invite all temperance people, regardless of denomination to participate in it.

Respectfully submitted,
R. T. Lewis, committee.

Report on Periodicals by V. W. Green adopted as read. Discussed by him, R. T. Teague and D. M. Edmisten.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We, your Committee on Periodicals, wish to submit the following: We recommend that our Baptist people secure the best Christian literature and back and patronize our Book Store, and that more of the Baptists read the Recorder; that churches and Sunday Schools take Charity and Children that we might better inform our young people of our program of work.

Paul said to Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." We recommend that our churches take the Biblical Recorder by clubs.

Respectfully,
V. W. Greene
Mrs. D. Buchanan

The report on finance made by J. C. Brown was adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1943

Balance in Treasury	$11.14
Aaron	2.50
Belview	2.00
Beech Mountain	3.00
Chestnutdale	.50
Cranberry	2.00
Crossnore	3.00
Elk Park	2.00
Elk Valley	2.20
Fairview	2.00
Fall Creek	2.00
Flat Springs	3.00
Glenn Valley	3.00
Henson Creek	1.00

Jonas Ridge	2.00	
Minneapolis	2.00	
Mt. Pleasant	1.00	
Newland	5.00	
Oak Grove	3.00	
Pineola	2.80	
Pleasant Hill	3.00	
Pleasant Valley	2.00	
Powder Mill	1.00	
Roaring Creek	1.00	
Yellow Mountain	1.60	
From Collection	.61	
Sunday School Convention	2.81	$67.16
Paid D. Buchanan, Clerk	42.37	
K. L. Haga	2.00	44.37
Balance in Treasury		22.79
Total		$67.16

J. C. Brown, Treasurer.

Obituaries were read by Ed W. Buchanan and adopted. Song by the congregation in honor of our dead "We are Passing Away". Prayer led by R. L. Painter. Discussion of report by Ed W. Buchanan.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Job 14-10—Man dieth and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? In the past year 21 brethren and sister have gone to their reward, to wit:

Mrs. Nancy Mitchell
Mrs. Chelsie Carpenter
Mr. Anderson Carpenter
Mr. Thos. F. Cook
Mr. Sam Harmon
Mr. H. P. Holsclaw
Miss May Farthing
Mr. Luther Bell
Mr. Lewis Pyatte
Mr. A. L. Miller
Mr. Wilborn Woody
Mrs. Margaret Sparks
Mrs. Novella Holsclaw
Mrs. Lola Hooks
Mrs. Jane Buchanan
Mrs. Mary Buchanan
Mrs. Vina Hicks
Mrs. Ella Goforth
Mrs. Docia Wilson
Mrs. Bob Angel
Mr. Tom Keller

We humbly bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed W. Buchanan
Mrs. R. T. Teague
Landon Shell
Committee.

Report of Committee on Constitution

We your Committee of Constitutional change wish to submit the following report:

Under ORGANIZATION, Article 8, by order and vote of the Association shall read as follows:

Art. 8 The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Historian, Treasurer and an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Association and two laymen elected by the Association, all of whom shall be elected immediately after the church letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session of the Association.

K. L. Haga, Chairman
V. W. Greene
Dewey Gouge

Reports on Ministerial Relief

We must not forget our aged ministers in these days when we have funds at our command perhaps as never before. We remember that they have labored hard in the years gone by to build up the Kingdom work and thus laid the foundation for our present day successes.

Dewey Gouge
K. L. Haga

Report on Stewardship

If we worship God aright we must worship Him with our Tithes and Offerings. If we put our money in Kingdom work our hearts will be there also. Giving money has a spiritual value as well as a financial value. We are intrusted with both goods and talents and we will be held accountable to the Giver of all good things for the use we make of these things.

Spencer McCloud
K. L. Haga

Report by D. M. Edmiston on Resolutions was adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Report of Committee on Resolutions:

1. Resolved that this session of the Avery Baptist Association tender a rising vote of thanks to this church and community for the fine hospitality they have shown the messengers and visitors during this meeting.

2. That we congratulate our Moderator and officers for their fine spirit of work and stand by them to make the best Association in North Carolina.

3. That the Clerk be paid $8.00 for his services.

4. That we formulate some plan to have more complete minutes kept.

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. Edmisten
Dr. F. P. Gwyn
J. G. Buchanan
Committee.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on Printing consisting of Ed W. Buchanan, D. M. Edmisten, V. W. Greene and W. W. Braswell.

A motion was carried that R. L. Painter be appointed as Director of B. T. U. for this Association and Mrs. Eula C. Lecka be his assistant.

D. M. Edmisten made a motion that D. N. Wheeler of the Sewanee Baptist Association of Florida was a welcome visitor at this time who had just come in.

On motion the Association closed by singing by the choir "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be". Dismissed in prayer by V. W. Greene.

R. T. Teague, Moderator,
D. Buchanan, Clerk.

The Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Oak Grove Baptist Church in annual session on Friday, July 23, 1943, and transacted the following business to-wit:

Roll of Churches

Devotional—Rev. D. M. Edmisten

1. Aaron
2. Bellview
3. Big Meadows
4. Buck Mountain
5. Chestnutdale
6. Cranberry
7. Green Valley
8. Mt. Pleasant
9. Newland
10. Oak Grove
11. Pleasant Hill
12. Yellow Mountain

Sunday Schools not represented

1. Crossnore
2. Elk Park
3. Elk Valley
4. Flat Springs
5. Fall Creek
6. Henson Creek
7. Heaton
8. Jonas Ridge
9. Minneapolis
10. Pineola
11. Pleasant Valley
12. Powdermill
13. Roaring Creek

Report of K. L. Haga, Associational Superintendent of Sunday School, acknowledged no report on a county wide scale due to limited travel. He brought forth some statistical reports from the Biblical Recorder showing an increase in Sunday School attendance but a decrease in teachers and leaders.

Sermon by Rev. Dayton Jones: Theme, "God's Plan", St. John 1-12.

1. Plan of Salvation
2. Plan of Giving
3. Plan of Serving
4. Plan of Worship
5. Plan of Forgiving

A free will offering was accepted for the expenses of the Convention which amounted to.................................$5.83

Expenses incurred up to present............................ 3.00

Total $2.83

Balance to go by Rev. Edmisten to Brother Teague, the Treasurer, for future expenses $2.83.

A bounteous picnic lunch was enjoyed by all present.

The Convention met in afternoon session at 1:30 P.M. Brother Roby Painter conducted the Devotion, Theme taken from 11th chapter of John. "Belief".

Open discussion of "Advancing the Church Work through the Sunday School". was held, led by Rev. Edmisten on Sunday Worship. (every Sunday and not on preaching Sunday).

Brother John D. Braswell spoke on the subject. He stressed the Aim or Purpose of the Convention, especially the financing of the work.

At 2:30 P. M. out of respect to Rev. Finley Watts of Wilkes County, who is now seriously ill, a moment of silent prayer was held.

Rev. Clayton Brown spoke on, "How we may make greater progress in Sunday School work next year".

At 3:00 P. M. the time for adjournment was extended by a vote of the convention.

Rev. Dayton Jones spoke on "How to improve the Sunday School".

Brother Stokes Braswell spoke on "Harmony of the Work".

Rev. K. L. Haga summarized the work of the Convention.

Reports of Committee as follows:

Nominating Committee

K. L. Haga. Chairman.
W. W. Braswell. Vice-Chairman.
J. D. Braswell, Adult.
Roby Painter, Young People.
Mrs. P. A. Shell, Intermediate.
Vonnie Taylor, Junior.
Mrs. Mary Jones, Primary.
Mrs. Dorothy Daniels. Cradel Roll.
J. C. Brown, Extension.
D. M. Edmisten, Vocational Bible School.
W. W. Braswell, Secretary-Treasurer.

(D. M. Edmisten
Committee) W.W. Braswell
(J. D. Braswell

Report of Committees on Resolution

1. Resolved that this Convention tender a rising vote of thanks to this Church and its Pastor and Community for the manner in which they have entertained this meeting.
2. Resolve that whosoever be elected for Superintendent that when he or she visits anyone of the 26 Churches in the Avery Association; or one of the workers they might send; that a love offering be taken at the Church visited to pay the expense of travel.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. C. Brown, Chairman,
Rev. Dayton Jones,
Mr. R. E. Gouge.

We, your committee on time and place, suggest that our next Sunday School Convention meet with the Beech Mountain Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1944, and that Rev. Thomas Stansberry preach the 11:00 sermon.

Signed:
Rev. Spencer McCloud,
Mrs. W. H. Daniels,
Dewey Gouge.

All reports were accepted and adopted. The Convention adjourned as recommended by the Committee.

W. W. Braswell, Secretary-Treasurer.

TABLE II.—Sunday School Enrollment.

	CHURCHES	Associational Supt. K. L. Hega, Newland SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll Under 3 Yrs.	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Yrs.	Younff People 17-24 Yrs.	Adults 25 Years and Up	Extension Department	General & Dept. Officers	Total En.—Main Sch. & Mis including O., T. & P.	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Enrollment of Vacation School	Av. At. of Vacation Sch.
1.	Aaron	W. W. Braswell, Montezuma		21	9	24	13	13	19	1	4	103	57	6	yes	no		
2.	Bell View	Frank McKinney, Cranberry	10	6	4	9	12	8	25		10	84	56	1	yes	no		
3.	Big Meadows	Don Carpenter, Three Mile		18	12	14	16	15	10		11	91	80					
4.	Beech Mt	Dave Trivette, Whaley		14	9	30		5	20		11	95	50		no			
5.	Crossnore	Mrs. Stella Word, Crossnore		8	10	12	14	10	15		9	88	30				43	30
6.	Chestnutdale																	
7.	Cranberry	Mr.. D W Mackey, Cranberry																
8.	Elk Park	Glen Gentry, Elk Park									8		45	6			68	52
9	Elk Valley	H. M. Horney, Banner Elk	7	8	9	6	7	5	26		7	72	75	14				
10.	Flat Springs	Don Green, Whaley		20		15	15	19	18			87	75					
11.	Fall Creek	Maud Cook, Heaton		20	10	20	20	25	25		9	125	85					
12.	Fair View																	
13.	Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine		10	15	15	10	10	20	7	7	89	55	8				
14.	Henson Creek	Hobert Delinger, Spear	4		5	5	16	12	12		6	65	65					
15.	Heaton																	
16.	Jonas Ridge	J. D. Clark, Jonas Ridge	4	8	6	9	6	7	16		7	56	47					
17.	Minneapolis	Fred Buchanan, Minneapolis		12		6	6	20	20	2	9	75	80					
18.	Mt. Pleasant	Arthur Horney, Newland	6	10	10	12	10	23	18		9	108	75					
19	Newland	Vance N Caliway, Newlnnd		6	11	14	28	6	18		12	95	61	6	yes			
20.	Oak Grove																	
21.	Pineola	Jeff Buchanan, Pineola		15		7	9	19	10		9	69	60					
22.	Pleasant Hill	Vivian Brown, Frank		19	10		27	35	24			115	115					
23.	Pleasant Valley	Morley Whittington, Elk Park	14	9	9	14		10	21		6	83	60					
24.	Powder Mill																	
25,	Roaring Creek	C M Thomas, Valley	8	10	12	13	14	10	8		6	75	40					
26.	Yellow Mt.	Vester Stafford, Spear		12	1	15	2		20			83	35					

TABLE I.—Church Membership.

	CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Preaching Dates	Members Reported Last Year	Baptisms	Received by letter	Statements	Restorations	Dismissed by letter	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revivals During Year	Observance of Lord's Supper During year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
1.	Aaron	K. L. Hega, Newland	2 & 4	118	6	1			2				123	yes	1	2	
2.	Bell View	Deyton Jones, Heaton	4	126		1	3	2	2		60		75	yes	1		
3.	Big Meadows	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	1	135	2					1		2	134	no			
4.	Beech Mt.	Tom Stanley, Beech Creek	1 & 3		2			1	3			2	217	yes			
5.	Crossnore			140		2			5				137	no			
6.	Chestnutdale	R L. Painter, Balm	2 & 4	34	1								35	no	1		
7.	Cranberry	R. L. Painter, Balm		77	9			2					88	yes	1		
8,	Elk Park	W. W. Word, Elizabethton, Tenn	1 & 3	56	12		2		2		1	1	66	yes	1	8	
9	Elk Valley	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	4	123									147	yes	1	1	
10.	Flat Springs	Joseph Miller, Butler, Tenn	2 & 4	189	1	2			3				189	yes			
11.	Fall Creek	Joseph Miller, Butler, Tenn.	2	140						1		1	138	yes	1	2	
12.	Fair View	J. G. Hughes, Valley	1	32	2								34	yes	1	1	
13.	Green Valley	J. C. Brown, Cranberry	1 & 4	87	8	1		4				1	99	no	1	1	
14.	Henson Creek	J. A. Buchanan, Clarissa	3	56	2	1		2					61	no	1	1	
15.	Heaton	Ira Hodge Banner Elk	2										16	yes	1	1	
16.	Jonas Ridge	R. L. Painter, Balm	3	77					6			2	69	no			
17.	Minneapolis	Deyton Jones, Heaton	4	118								1	118	no			
18.	Mt. Pleasant	Lawrence Hagaman, Beech Creek	3	45	1							1	45	yes	1	1	
19	Newland	D. N Edmisten, Newland	Full Time	140	6	7	2	1	2		5		109	yes	2	2	
20.	Oak Grove																
21.	Pineola	V W. Greene, Pineola	1 & 4	94	2	2						2	96	no	1	2	
22.	Pleasant Hill	Deyton Jones, Heaton	1 & 3	251	1				3			5	244	no	1	1	
23.	Pleasant Valley	V. W. Greene, Pineola	4					2		2		2	88	yes	1	1	
24.	Powder Mill	J. G. Hughes, Valley	2	39									39	no	1	1	
25,	Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes. Valley	3	74								1	73	no			
26.	Yellow Mt.	R. L. Painter, Balm	1 & 3	84	11							1	94	no	1		1

TABLE IV.—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts.

	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	Enrolled	Daily B. Ra.	Juniors	Total W. M. U. Organizations	Y. W. A's Members	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
Elk Park					1		9	
Newland	Mrs. Lewis Shirley, Montezuma					20	30	$116.74
	TRAINING UNION							
Aaron	Mrs. Maxine Banner, Montezuma	38	12					
Big Meadows	Don Csrpenter, Three Mile							
Crossnore	Mrs. Stella Word, Crossnore	10	5					
Newland	Mrs. C. M. Lecka, Newland	20	4	16			40	1

TABLE VI.—Church Property.

	CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	What Materials Were Used?	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept As'bly Rooms	No Sept. Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Amount of Insurance Carried
1.	Aaron	Harlen Ledford, Montezuma	yes	1922	Concrete	500	7	6	6	$ 4000		$ 4000	
2.	Bell View	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry	yes	1941	Wood	200	1			1200		1200	
3.	Big Meadows	Mrs Lawrence Carpenter, Threemile	yes	1922	Wood	500	1			2000		2000	
4.	Beech Mt.	Ray McGuire, Heaton	yes	1892	Wood	300	8		7	2500		2500	
5.	Crossnore	Rom Hoffman, Frank	yes	1910	Wood	100	8			3000		3000	1000
6.	Chestnut Dale	Mrs. E. L. McCurry, Cranberry	yes	1917	Wood	300	1			1000		1000	
7.	Cranberry	Mrs. R. N. Cardwell, Elk Park	no	1907	Wood	300	6		5				
8.	Elk Park		yes		Wood		5		4	2000		2000	1500
9	Elk Valley	J M Harmon, Heaton	yes	1900	Wood	500	1					1000	
10	Flat Springs	L. L. Story, Heaton	yes	1904	Wood	300	1		5			800	
11.	Fall Creek	Carl Cook, Kalmi	yes	1927	Wood	300	1					1000	
12.	Fair View	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	yes	1939	Wood	300	1						
13.	Green Valley	Stella Delinger, Spear	yes	1886	Wood	200	1					1500	
14.	Henson Creek	Ben Brewer, Valley Crucis	yes	1808	Wood	250	1					800	
15.	Heaton		yes	1936	Wood	175	1					900	
16.	Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie Shell, Jonas Ridge	yes	1933	Wood	200	1		6			1200	
17	Minneapolis	Maude Buchanan, Minneapolis	yes	1911	Wood	300	1					1500	
18.	Mt. Pleasant	Mrs Dorothy P. Daniels, Newland	yes	1926	Wood	300	1					1500	
19.	Newland	Louise Stout, Newland	yss	1922	Wood	300	6		8	4000	$ 3000	7000	
20	Oak Grove												
21.	Pineola	Mrs. Grady Stewart, Pineola	yes	1925	Wood	183	1			2500	600	3100	
22.	Pleasant Hill	Luther Ollis, Frank	yes	1910	Wood	500	1			3000		3000	
23.	Pleasant Valley	Walter Hick, Elk Park	yes	1886	Wood	150	1					500	
24.	Powder Mill	T. J. Green, Senia	yes	1915	Wood	200	1					500	
25.	Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Valley	yes	1923	Wood	400	1			1350		1350	
26.	Yellow Mt.	D. Buchanan, Spear	yes	1940	Stone	500	4		3			5000	

TABLE VII.—Gifts for Local

	CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year
1.	Aaron	Mrs. Virtie Hughes, Montezuma	$ 74.60	------	$36.00	$------
2.	Bell View	Mrs. Rettie Gouge, Cranberry	103.00	------	42.50	29.00
3.	Big Meadows	J. L. Pyatte, Pyatt	132.81	------	15.70	------
4.	Beech Mt.	Truman Church, Heaton	341.45	------	32.44	254.31
5.	Crossnore	Mrs. T. P. Delinger, Crossnore	150.00	------	25.00	------
6.	Chestnut Dale	D. S. Huffman, Frank	99.70	------	30 25	30.00
7.	Cranberry	O. L. Wright, Cranberry	174.47	------	69.70	110.00
8.	Elk Park	S. C. Carrol, Elk Park	80.00	------	73.18	349 77
9.	Elk Valley	------	194.17	------	26.00	------
10.	Fall Creek	L. L. Story, Heaton	206.18	$20.00	23.55	275 00
11.	Fair View	Avery Hileman, Kalmia	72.94	------	20.55	----
12.	Flat Springs	Russell Norris, Heaton	175.71	------	------	5.80
13.	Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	267.34	------	25.00	------
14.	Henson Creek	Odell Burleson, Spear	130.98	------	57.00	30.00
15.	Heaton	Addie Smith, Heaton	15.00	------	10.00	------
16.	Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell, Jonas Ridge	101.17	------	------	25.00
17.	Minneapolis	Maude Buchanan, Minneapolis	50.00	------	------	------
18.	Mt. Pleasant	Verna Daniels, Newland	125.00	------	58.00	5.00
19.	Newland	Finley Banner, Newland	583.00	----	76.00	150.46
20.	Oak Grove	------	------	------	------	------
21.	Pineola	Edna Mair, Pineola	123.93	------	------	
22.	Pleasant Hill	Orpha Ollis, Frank	470 75	27.55	------	459 70
23.	Pleasant Valley	Noah Hicks, Elk Park	76.35	5.00	--	
24.	Powder Mill	T. J Green, Senia	50 17	------	15.39	-
25.	Roaring Creek	C. M. Thomas, Valley	12.00	------		
26.	Yellow Mt.	Cordie Stafford. Spear	125.08	----	42.00	297.26

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OFFICERS FOR 1945

R. L. Painter	Moderator
K. L. Haga	Clerk
J. C. Brown	Treasurer
R. T. Teague	Historian

The next session will be held with Pleasant Hill and Minneapolis churches on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1945. Jeff Pyatte will preach the introductory sermon and D. N. Jones will be his alternate.

COMMITTEES FOR 1945 SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS—Associational Officers

SUNDAY SCHOOL—R. L. Davis, W. W. Braswell, Robert Lacey

B. T. U.—Mrs. E. C. Lecka, Edith Cardwell, Mrs. Raymond Buchanan

W. M. U.—Mrs. Nellie Shell, Mrs. L. W. Sudderth, Mrs. E. L. McCourry

PERIODICALS—K. L. Hage, D. Buchanan, Ed Buchanan

EDUCATION—R. T. Teague, W. A. Braswell, Truman Church

MISSIONS—Spencer McCloud, R. L.Davis, Glen Gentry

STEWARDSHIP—Fritz Hall, J. H. Vance, A. I. Greene

OBITUARIES— Vester Stafford, Rom Huffman, H. M. Horney

HOSPITALS—Dayton Jones, Jeff Pyatte, J. A. Ledford

MINISTERIAL RELIEF—J. D. Braswell, L. C. Shell

TEMPERANCE—W. A. Braswell, F. P. Guinn, H. F. Ledford

ORPHANAGE—Ed Buchanan, Mrs. Ernest Vance, Mrs. Bertha Pritchard

STATE OF CHURCHES—V. W. Greene, K. L. Haga, J. C. Brown

FINANCE—J. C. Brown, R. T. Teague, Dayton Jones

PASTORAL SUPPORT—Elmer Prichard, Dewey Gouge, S. C. Braswell

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. T. Teague, K. L. Haga Secretary, J. C. Brown, J. D. Braswell, Dewey Gouge, V. W. Greene, Chairman, R. L. Painter, Ed Buchanan

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures to churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional fifty members of major fraction an additional Delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of The Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association fund to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letters read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Associotion 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Historian, and an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Association and two laymen elected by the Association, all of whom shall be elected immediately after the church letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session of the Association.

Duties of Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator, Treasurer and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

Rules of Order

I. MEETINGS.

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.
2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.
3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. No persons shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.
6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. BUSINESS.

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.
3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.
4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancy in organization.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of Committee on Order of
9. Election of officers.

Business as to subjects and discussins.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

11. All customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mtn.	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Cr'k,	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley,	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis,	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mtn.,	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland,	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley,	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chest'dale,.	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Va.l	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Mead'w	N. S. Hampton	Ed Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas R'ge,	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yel'w Mtn.,	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roar. Ck.,	N. S. Hampton	Ed W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
	A memorial service for N. S. Hampton by K. L. Haga			
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powd. Mill	Ed W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mt. Pls't	Ed W. Buchanan	W. B. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mtn.	Ed W. Buchanan	W. B. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Val.	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mtn.	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Bell View	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward

DELEGATES APPOINTED BY CHURCHES

AARON—W. A. Braswell, Mrs. Hettie Loven, Mrs. Margaret Jones, Mrs. Walter Ledford.

BEECH MTN.—Dudley Trivett, Hurse McGuire, Leonard Story, Fred Jones, John Trivett.

BELVIEW—Frank McKinney, Beatrice English, Dewey Gouge, R. L. Davis.

BIG MEADOWS—Don Carpenter, J. L. Pyatte, H. J. Pyatte.

CHESTNUTDALE—Johnnie Hicks, Rosa Johnson, Zedphia Johnson.

CRANBERRY—Mrs. E. L. McCoury, Mrs. B. B. Ollis, Mrs. Dovie Ollis.

CROSSNORE—Mrs. T. P. Dellinger, Mrs. N. W. Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Vance.

ELK PARK—Dr. F. P. Guinn, G. T. Heath, Mrs. R. N. Cardwell.

ELK VALLEY—Luther Riddle, Stewart Blair, Charles Cook.

FALL CREEK—James L. Norris, Earl Carver, L. L. Storie.

FAIRVIEW—Lonzo Woody, Sam Trivett, Wiley Forbes. mon, W. C. Phillips.

FLAT SPRINGS—Russell Norris, Don Greene, R. W. Harmon, W. C. Phillips.

GREEN VALLEY—Mrs. Hester Grindstaff, Mrs. Dock Ollis, Kelly Ollis.

HEATON—Ada Cannon, Grace Oaks.

HENSON CREEK—Homer Burleson, Mrs. Pauline Burleson, Hobert Dellinger.

JONAS RIDGE—L. C. Shell, J. D. Clark, Paul Rose.

MINNEAPOLIS—Mrs. Jeff Pyatte, Mrs. Bernice Vance, W. W. Pyatte, Joel Pritchard.

MT. PLEASANT—Mrs. W. H. Daniels, Mrs. H. S. Burleson.

NEWLAND—R. T. Teague, Fred Taylor, Mrs. Eula Lecka.

OAK GROVE—J. D. Braswell, J. A. Ledford, Mrs. Bertie Blackburn.

PINEOLA—Mrs. Ira Vance, Mrs. Grady Stewart, Mrs. Sam Thompson, J. G. Buchanan.

PLEASANT HILL—Ed Buchanan, Vivian Brown, Luther Ollis, Mrs. Molt Buchanan, C. T. Hicks.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Boyd Hicks, Noah Hicks, Miss Cleo Trivett.

POWDER MILL—George Watson, Hicks Buchanan, Mrs.

Hicks Buchanan.
ROARING CREEK—C. M. Thomas, Robert Hughes, Clinton Hughes.
YELLOW MTN.—Mrs. D. Buchanan, Marthy Buchanan, Laura Vance.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1944

The Association met in the Elk Park Baptist church at 10:00 A. M., with R. T. Teague, Moderator, presiding.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Glenn Gentry who read the scriptures from St. Matthew 4th chapter. Rev. J. C. Canipe led in prayer. The roll call of churches was made and all churches reported with letters except five. Rev. J. C. Canipe was introduced and spoke representing the State Mission Board. The following visitors were introduced. Rev. Joe T. Melton, Methodist minister; Rev. A. K. Browning of the Siam Baptist church, Eliztbethton, Tenn.

On motion Mrs. R. T. Teague was named on the W. M. U. Committee in place of Mrs. R. L. Shirley. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

TIME, PLACE and PREACHER—Ed Buchanan, W. W. Pyatte, J. G. Buchanan.
RESOLUTIONS—K. L. Haga, R. L. Painter, Spencer McCloud.

On motion of Rev. K. L. Haga the printed program was made the official program of the Association. The Moderator then read the regular list of committees that were appointed last year.

The Moderator then called Rev. V. W. Greene to the chair to preside while the election of officers was made as follows: R. L. Painter, Moderator; K. L. Haga, Clerk; J. C. Brown, Treasurer; R. T. Teague, Historian; The election of Executive Committee memebers resulted in the addition of J. D. Braswell and Dewey Gouge.

After a special song rendered by the Elk Park choir, Rev. V. W. Greene took the chair to preside as Claude Isaacs and Charlie Heath were presented for ordination as Deacons in the Elk Park church. The following Presbyterian was named and performed the services of the ordination. J. C. Brown, K. L. Haga, Dayton Jones, Spencer McCloud, R. L. Painter.

The annual sermon was then deliveded by Rev. W. W. Ward followed by prayer by Rev. Dayton Jones. An offering was taken to pay for the printed programs after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Spencer McCloud.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 P. M. The Devotional service was led by J. D. Braswell with prayer by Rev. K. L. Haga. Rev. J. C. Pipes of the State Mission Board and Smith Hagaman Superintendent of the Baptist Hospital were introduced. The following reports were read and adopted: Missions, D. M. Edmisten; Stewardship, R. L. Painter; W. M. U. Mrs. Elsie M. Bowers. The following addressed the Association on the above reports, D. M. Edmisten, K. L. Haga, L. W. Woody, J. C. Canipe. On motion Mrs. E. C. Lecka was elected B. T. U. Director for the coming year. Rev. J. C. Brown read the report on Hospitals after which Smith Hagaman gave an able address on our Hospital work. Rev. J. C. Pipes then addressed the Association on the work of the Mission Board and other interests. The afternoon session was then closed on adjournment with prayer by Rev. J. C. Pipes.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1944

The Association was called to order by the Moderator R. T. Teague with the Devotional service being led by Rev. K. L. Haga closing with prayer by Rev. J. C. Brown.

The report on Education was read by J. D. Braswell and adopted. R. L. Painter read the report on Sunday Schools which was adopted. The following speakers addressed the meeting on the above named reports, K. L. Haga, R. T. Teague, J. D. Braswell and Ed Buchanan. On motion Ed Buchanan was the elected Orphanage Representative for the coming year. D. M. Edmisten then read the report on the State of churches. The following committee was appointed to serve with the Clerk on the publishing of the Minutes, Ed Buchanan, V. W. Greene. and D. M. Edmisten. The session was adjourned for the noon hour with the benediction by Rev. Ira Hodges.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was turned over to the Sunday School work with the Associational Superintendent, Rev. K. L. Haga presiding. After a report of the work of the year, a proposed outline of a three year program was presented which was adopted by the Association. On motion R. L. Davis was elected as Associational Missionary to be employed full time worker with his salary to be paid by the churches of the Association.

The following reports were then read and adopted. Finances, by J. C. Brown; Obituaries by R. N. Cardwell. The congregation then joined in singing, and dedicatory prayer in honor of our dead was led by Rev. K. L. Haga. Time, Place and Preacher by Ed Buchanan.

On motion Rev. D. N. Jones was elected Hospital representative for the coming year. The report on Resolutions was read by K. L. Haga and adopted. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Spencer McCloud after which the Association stood adjourned.

R. T. Teague, Moderator
D. Buchanan, Clerk.

PASTORS OF AVERY ASSOCIATION

REV. K. L. HAGA, Newland, N. C.
REV. W. W. WARD, Elizabethton, Tenn.
SPENCER McCLOUD, Cranberry, N. C.
TOM STANSBERRY, Butler, Tenn.
DAYTON N. JONES, Eliztbethton, Tenn.
R. L. PAINTER, Balm, N. C.
J. C. BROWN, Cranberry, N. C.
Glenn Gentry, Elk Park, N. C.
W. C. PAYNE, Blowing Rock, N. C.
VICTOR TRIVETT, Butler, Tenn.
J. G. HUGHES, Valley, N. C.
JOSEPH MILLER, Butler, Tenn.
J. ASTOR BUCHANAN, Bakersville, N. C.
Ira Hodge, Banner Elk, N. C.

LAWRENCE HAGAMAN, Beech Creek, N. C.
D. M. EDMISTEN, Newland, N. C.
V. W. GREENE, Pineola, N. C.

MINISTERS NOT PASTORS

W. A. Braswell, Montezuma, N. C.
L. W. Sudderth, Montezuma, N. C.
Gaither Harmon, Shell Creek, Tenn.
Bob Campbell, Johnson City, Tenn.
I. W. Woody, Ingalls, N. C.
L. W. Woody, Kalmia, N. C.
C. A. Guy, Whaley, N. C.
Harvey Green, Heaton, N. C.
Troy Guy, Heaton, N. C.
Reuben Cook, Minneapolis, N. C.
Jess Cook, Minneapolis, N. C.
Jeff Pyatte, Minneapolis, N. C.
C. H. New, Newland, N. C.
Joe Phillips, Pineola, N. C.
Ernest Bustle, Jonas Ridge, N. C.
T. C. Hicks, Crossnore, N. C.
C. M. Thomas, Valley, N. C.
Ham Hopson, Valley, N. C.

REPORTS

Report On Missions

"Missions is our mission", said one minister. This is the supreme task of Missionary Baptist. We are to carry the whole gospel to all the lost people in all the world. Just as long as there is a single human being in all this world who has never heard the sweet story of Jesus all Christians must work and pray and give. In the sixteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we find God speaking to Paul and he being willing to turn from his own way to do the will of God went to Europe and gave them the gospel and through persecution we here in America know about Jesus. Then we have the great commission, Mathew 28' 19-20, Go ye therefore and teach. Tell the story everywhere.

We have divided our mission program into three definite parts, State, Home and Foreign. In this world-wide program Southern Baptists are trying to carry out the great commandment in which we are commanded to preach, teach and heal. Every Christian should feel it an obligation and a privilege to have a part in this program.

Men and women of past centuries accepted it as their major task and so we are Christians today.. But, if we fail, what of future generations?

We have much to repent of because of our neglect to send the gospel. We believe if we had been missionary and given the gospel to the world we would not be giving our boys, girls and money along with the suffering today.

Will we have a mission now and repent and do our best and see that as Pastors and Laymen that our church is a Missionary Baptist and not a hard shell?

We are glad to note that Avery has made some great strides but we are far from where Jesus would have us.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. Edmisten
Mrs. Ira Vance
Frank McGuire, Comm.

W. M. U.

In these difficult days fraught with anxiety and strife our 1944 W. M. U., watch word taken from Psalms 78:6 "That the generations to come might know" is peculiarly fitting. If it is to serve at its highest and best, we who use it must realize the double responsibility it carries.

As older people and parents of children we should recognize the high and holy purpose of missionary education and enlistment of children and adults in our homes and churches, that they may know mission facts, mission history and mission needs.

We get all this information plus a double portion of inspiration through the Sunbeam Band, Girls Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors, Y. W. A., and W. M. S. organizations. These organizations faithfully carried on will bless and bring us rich rewards. These are the medium through which we carry this message. Some day we know not how soon each one will be called to give an account of the service rendered in this capacity. What will the answer be? May world conditions at this time arouse and shame us to greater endeavor in the W. M. U. work.

Mrs. B. H. Winters
Mrs. R. T. Teague
Mrs. R. L. Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School work is a vital part of our church work. We must emphasize their work strongly especially in our churches where we do not have preaching every Sunday. This past year has been a great year, yet a difficult year. Many of our boys who were faithful attendents are gone. Then during the last two months of our Associational year the Infantile Paralysis quarantine has kept our children at home. But in spite of these difficulties our work has been carried on by the young people and adults. Study courses have been held at Newland, Oak Grove and Minneapolis with several certificates being awarded. Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been held at Newland, Oak Grove and Aaron. May we give ourselves freely during the coming year to the work of our Sunday Schools. I recommend that the Associational Superintendent work out several study courses for the coming year, also that our churches carry the Sunday School work to those who cannot attend.

R. L. Painter

EDUCATION

Education means the acquisition or imparting of knowledge. We must acquire before we can impart. Your committee are firm believers in having educated Teachers and Preachers, both from a literary viewpoint as well as from a spiritual viewpoint. How can anyone teach or preach that which de does not know? Since our state schools and colleges are imparting literary knowledge it then becomes the duty and obligation of our churches to impart spiritual knowledge. We are of the opinion that our churches are failing to teach the word of God as it should be taught to its people, as Paul wrote in 1st Cor. 4:14 "I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons, I warn you". In 1st Sam. 12:23 you will find these words, "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the

Lord in ceasing to pray for you, but I will teach you the good and the right way".

The command of God to the church is "GO TEACH".

J. D. Braswell.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We find that the Baptist churches of the Avery County Association are neglecting to support their pastors for no other reason than that of having a program and the leadership of the Deacons and pastors. We find that wherever we have a live pastor and deacons that are responsive, this item is very well taken care of.

We therefore recommend that the pastors and deacons wake up to their responsibilities and if this is done we are sure the church will give a full and free support, and wipe this stigma from our future reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. P. Guinn.

STEWARDSHIP

If we worship God right we must worship Him with our tithes and offerings. If we put our money in Kingdom work our hearts will be there also.

Giving money has a spiritual value as well as a financial value. We are intrusted with both goods and talents and we will be held accountable to the giver of all good things for the use we make of these things.

Spencer McCloud,
R. L. Painter.

HOSPITALS

We wish to recommend to our people that our Baptist Hospital at Winstom-Salem is doing a great work. We urge you to support this cause with your money and patronage. Our report ending 1944 is far better than it has been in previous years. We want to pledge ourselves to this worthy cause with our prayers and money.

J. C. Brown,
Morley Whittington,
T. J. Gryder.

TIME PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held at Pleasant Hill church on Thursday, August 23, 1945 and at Minneapolis church on August 24, 1945 and that Rev. Jeff Pyatte deliver the Annual Sermon with Rev. D. N. Jones as alternate.

Ed W. Buchanan,
W. W. Pyatte,
J. G. Buchanan.

ORPHANAGE

Our Association with a membership of approximately 2700 members paid the Orphanage for the first six months of this year the pitiful sum of $129.42 and only eight churches did this. 16 churches did not pay anything. We believe the Pastors, Deacons, and Sunday School Superintendents are to blame for this neglect. Let us try and do something about this. We certainly ought to pay as much as one dime per capita per month to our Orphanage.

Ed W. Buchanan,
W. W. Pyatte.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions make the following report:

1—RESOLVED: That we tender a rising vote of thanks to the people of the Elk Park Baptist church and community for the splendid hospitality shown all messengers and visitors during this meeting.

2—That we tender our sincere thanks to the retiring Moderator and other officers of the Association for their work rendered the Association during their terms of office.

K. L. Haga,
R. L. Painter,
Spencer McCloud.

OUR HONORED DEAD

Mr. Grant Harmon, Beech Mountain
Mr. Sidney Church, Beech Mountain
Mr. Jones Estep, Beech Mountain
Mrs. Alice McGuire, Beech Mountain
Mr. Claude Cook, Belview
Mrs. Emma McKinney, Belview
Mr. Jack Taylor, Belview
Pfc. Jack Callaway, Big Meadows (Killed in France)
Pfc. Liston Prather Big Meadows (Killed in Italy)
Mr. Willie Isaacs, Chestnutdale
Mr. E. Lige Puckett, Elk Valley
Mr. J. Herby Norman, Elk Valley
Mr. Henry Brotherton, Elk Valley
Miss Mary Henson, Flat Springs
Miss Myrtle Henson, Flat Springs
Mrs. Susie Mace, Green Valley
Mrs. Dave Denny, Green Valley
Mrs. Ebbie Buchanan, Henson Creek
Mrs.Andy Greene, Henson Creek
Lt. William Houston, Henson Creek (Killed in India)
Mrs. Virgie Hicks, Minneapolis
Mrs. Tempie Vance, Mt. Pleasant
Mrs. Minerva Hughes, Mt. Pleasant
Mrs. Alex Buchanan, Newland
Mr. Grady Owens, Deacon, Oak Grove
Pvt. Arthur Taylor, Pleasant Hill
Mr. Garrett George, Deacon, Roaring Creek.

TABLE I Membership CHURCH	PASTORS And Post Offices	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS And POST OFFICES	Preaching Sunda	Church Members	S. S. Members	Baptisms	B. T. U.	W. M. U.	Bib. Rec. Subs.
Aaron	K. L. Haga, Newland	L. W. Sudderth, Montezuma	2-4	133	110	5			2
Belview	W. W. Ward, Eliztbethton, Tenn.	Frank McKinney, Cranberry	3	76	119				
Big Meadows	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	Don Carpenter, Three Mile	2	134	75	4			
Beech Mountain	Tom Stansberry, Butler, Tenn'	Jack Cook, Whaley	1-3	226	78	18			
Crossnore	K. L. Haga, Newland	Mrs. Stella Ward, Crossnore	1-3	137	77		34		
Chestnutdale	R. L. Painter, Balm	Rom Huffman, Frank	2	39	96	1			
Cranberry	R. L. Painter, Balm	Union	2	88		1			
Elk Park	Glenn Gentry, Elk Park	George Nesbitt, Elk Park	1-3	66	60			12	
Elk Valley	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	H. M. Horney, Banner Elk	4	118	45				
Flat Springs	Victor Trivett, Butler Tenn.	W. R. Trivett, Heaton	2-4	193	150	5			
Fall Creek	Victor Trivett, Butler, Tenn.	James L. Norris, Heaton	2	139	131	1			
Fairview	J. G. Hughes, Valley		1	52	70	13			
Green Valley	J. C. Brown, Cranberry	Doris Ollis, Kalmia	1-4	85		8			
Henson Creek	J. Astor Buchanan, Bakersville	Hobert Dellinger, Spear	3	59	52	1			
Heaton	Ira Hodge, Banner Elk	Grace Oakes, Heaton	2	20		4			
Jonas Ridge	R L. Painter, Balm	J. D. Clark, Jonas Ridge	3	69	41	2			
Minneapolis	D. N. Jones, Elizabethton	Jeff Pyatte, Minneapolis	1-3	119	73	2			
Mt. Pleasant	Lawrence Hagaman, Beech Crk.	R M. Horney, Crossnore	1-3	47	76	1			
Newland	D. M. Edmisten, Newland	Robert Lacy, Newland	All	100	94	3		15	
Oak Grove	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	C. H. New, Newland	3	96	60	4			
Pineola	V. W. Greene, Pineola	Coy Woody, Pineola	1	97	58				
Pleasant Hill	D. N. Jones, Eliztbethton, Tenn.	Vivian Brown, Frank	1-3	269	116	20			
Pleasant Valley	V W. Greene Pineola	Mrs. Walter Hicks, Elk Park	4	102	84	13			
Powder Mill	J. G. Hughes Valley	George Watson, Senia	2	39	16				
Roaring Creek	J G. Hughes Valley	C. M. Thomas, Valley	3	76	73	2			
Yellow Mountain	R. L. Painter, Balm	Wade Buchanan, Spear	1-3	94	60				1

TABLE No. 2—FINANCES

Churches:	Clerks and P. O.'s	TREASURERS	Paid Pastors	Local Ch. Work	Orphanage	Co. Op. Prog'm	Minute Fund	For All Work-Total Gifts	Value of Church Property
Aaron	Elmer Pritchard, Montezuma	W. W. Braswell	$100.00	1094.00	10.00		2.00	1176.00	4890.00
Belview	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry	Flossie Gouge	105.40	777.82		35.00	3.00	863.97	1200.00
Big Meadows	Mrs. L. Carpenter, Three Mile	J. L. Pyatte	220.85	420.35	36.41		2.00	469.89	2000.00
Beech Mountain	Erleen Church, Heaton	Hurst McGuire	416.00	679.27	19.81		3.00	735.71	2500.00
Crossnore	Stokes Burleson, Crossnore	Mrs. T. P. Dellinger	120.00	175.00	11.00		3.00	186.00	3000.00
Chestnutdale	Rom Huffman, Frank	D. S. Huffman	146.07	242.57			1.00	242.57	3000.00
Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCoury, Cranberry	O. L. Wright	130.02	764.66		30.00	3.25	829.66	
Elk Park	Mrs. R. N. Cardwell, Elk Park	Clarence Carroll	70.00	526.23	53.12	22.68	2.00	644.05	1500.00
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk	J. A. Norman	43.60	442.51			3.50	438.39	800.00
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Mountain	A. I. Greene	213.19	348.35	41.46		3.50	438.39	800.00
Fall Creek	L. L. Storie, Heaton	L. L. Storie	592.59	605.94			2.00	626.94	1000.00
Fairview	Carl Cook, Kalmia	Jack Forbes	104.02	182.88				182.88	600.00
Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	Fritz Hall	327.50	535.07	25.00	11.50	3.00	657.07	1500.00
Henson Creek	Stella Dellinger, Spear	Stella Dellinger	..143.55	507.63			1.00	507.63	800.00
Heaton	Ada Cannon, Heaton	Ada Cannon	17.46	51.38				58.89	900.00
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie Shell, Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell	401.33	513.60	89.05	43.72	2.00	646.37	1200.00
Minneapolis	Maude Buchanan, Minneapolis	Maude Buchanan	284.74	520.61	30.20		2.60	645.30	1500.00
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. H. Daniels, Newland	Mrs. W. H. Daniels	185.00	436.00			2.00	569.00	1500.00
Newland	Louise Stout, Newland	Finley Banner	881.00	1683.65	100.00	..$150	5.00	2242.65	7000.00
Oak Grove	Bertie Blackburn, Newland	John Taylor	120.00	438.53	30.89	24.05	1.55	580.58	800.00
Pineola	Mrs. Grady Stewart, Pineola	Mrs. Rodger Franklin	133.77	363.63	44.99	39.94	2.00	497.63	3100.00
Pleasant Hill	Noontide Ollis, Frank	Orpha Ollis	714.41	.651.57	57.55		5.35	1774.31	3000.00
Pleasant Valley	Miss Cleo Trivett, Elk Park	Noah Hicks	86.00	225.65	5.45		2.00	237.91	500.00
Powder Mill	T. J. Green, Senia	T. J. Green	64.51	173.17			1.00	173.17	500.00
Roaring Creek	Eva Hughes, Valley	C. M. Thomas	57.03	82.03			1.00	82.03	1350.00
Yellow Mountain	D. Buchanan Spear	Cordie Stafford	130.00	3.25.58	18.50	3.00	2.10	328.58	5000.00

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Rev. D. N. Jones	Moderator
Rev. V. W. Greene	Vice-Moderator
W. W. Braswell	Clerk and Historian
Rev. Jeff Pyatte	Treasurer

The Association will hold its next session with the Jonas Ridge Baptist Church for the first day and with the Oak Grove Baptist Church for the second day. The session will be held on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in August. Rev. Spencer McCloud will preach the introductory sermon.

Historical Table

A memorial service for N. S. Hampton and K. L. Haga

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powder Mill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Bell View	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyette

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, August 23, 1945

The Association met in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church at 10:00 A.M., with Rev. R. L. Painter, Moderator, presiding.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. K. L. Haga, after which Rev. J. C. Canipe led in prayer. The Clerk then read a financial report of the Minute Fund, which showed a deficit of $25.00. A public offering was taken to defray the expense, after which the minutes of the previous session was then distributed to the delegates of the various churches. The printed program was then adopted as read. The roll-call of churches was made, and the delegates reported by standing as their Church was called, and they were regularly seated. All churches reported with letters with the exception of three. The following visitors were introduced: Rev. J. C. Canipe, of Boone, representing the State Mission Board; Rev. R. M. Hauss, representing the Allied Church League; Rev. R. C. Campbell, of the Holston Baptist Association; Rev. Frank Parsons and Rev. Julius Henline, of the Mitchell Baptist Association; and Rev. E. M. Johnson of the Watauga Association.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Time, Place and Preacher: R. N. Cardwell, A. I. Greene, and Jake Davis.

Resolutions: Rev. J. C. Brown, P. A. Shell, and Rev. R. L. Davis.

The Moderator then called Rev. V. W. Greene to the chair to preside while the election of officers was made as follows: Rev. D. N. Jones, Moderator; Rev. V. W. Greene, Vice-Moderator; and W. W. Braswell, Clerk and Historian.

Friday, August 24, 1945

The Association met on the second day with the Minneapolis Baptist Church. After being called to order by the Moderator, Rev. R. L. Painter, the devotional service was led by Rev. Ira Hodge, closing with prayer by Brother Jake Davis. On motion the Executive Committee for the coming year was elected as follows: Rev. D. N. Jones, Rev. V. W. Greene, W. W. Braswell, Rev. Jeff Pyatte, Rev. K. L. Haga, R. T. Teague, R. T. Lewis, and J. D. Braswell.

Visitors were then introduced as follows: Rev. R. H. Satterfield, of Meredith College; Dr. L. L. Carpenter, Editor of The Biblical Recorder; and W. H. Griffin, of Chatham County.

The report on Education was read by Rev. K. L. Haga and adopted, after which Rev. R. H. Satterfield addressed the Association on "Christian Education." The report on Periodicals was read by Rev. K. L. Haga and adopted, after which Dr. L. L. Carpenter gave an address on The Biblical Recorder. The report on Stewardship was read by Rev. K. L. Haga which was adopted.

The Moderator then appointed R. T. Lewis to prepare a report on Ministerial Relief and R. L. Davis to prepare a report on Pastoral Support. The report on the State of Churches was read by Rev. K. L. Haga and adopted. Rev. K. L. Haga, Rev. Vilas Minton, Rev. Victor Trivett, Rev. V. W. Greene, Rev. R. L. Davis and Rev. R. L. Painter then spoke on the report.

The session was then adjourned for the noon hour, with the benediction by Rev. R. L. Davis.

Afternoon Session

The Moderator called the Association to order, and, after music by the Minneapolis Choir, devotions were conducted by Rev. V. W. Greene, followed by prayer by Rev. Victor Trivette. The report on Ministerial Relief was read by R. T. Lewis and adopted. R. T. Lewis and Rev. V. W. Greene then addressed the meeting on the subject. The report on Pastoral Support was read by Rev. R. L. Davis and adopted, after which Rev. R. L. Davis, Rev. Vilas Minton and the Moderator spoke on the subject. The Orphanage Report was read by Rev. K. L. Haga which was adopted. The Orphanage Work was then discussed by Rev. K. L. Haga, Rev. Vilas Minton, Rev. Jeff Pyatte, and P. A. Shell. On motion Rev. K. L. Haga was elected Associational Orphanage Representative for the coming year. A resolution was adopted asking each Church to appoint an Orphanage Representative to work with Rev. Haga in carrying on the Orphanage interests. A special song was rendered by the Buchanan Sisters. A motion was made that Rev. D. N. Jones send in a report on Hospitals to be published in the Minutes. Addresses on our Baptist Hospital were made by Rev. Jeff Pyatte, Rev. Spencer McCloud, and Rev. V. W. Greene. Rev. Vilas Minton was then elected Hospital Representative for the Association. The Moderator read the report of the Standing Committees for the next year. An offering was taken to pay for the programs and postage bills for the Clerk. The report on Time, Place and Preacher was read and adopted. P. A. Shell read the report on Resolutions, which was adopted. The audience sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and the Association was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. R. L. Painter.

R. L. Painter, Moderator.
K. L. Haga, Clerk.

Report on Ministerial Relief

(Adopted)

We must not become so negligent in our Church Work so that we will forget our old worn-out ministers who have given their life work in prompting the Kingdom of Christ and have become unable to continue in activity in the Master's Work. If we have any in this Association that is unable for further service we would ask that each Church take at least one collection a year for their benefit and let the Executive Committee appropriate the funds collected as need requires.

We recommend that the Pastors and Churches take advantage of the Retirement Program. Any Pastor should be willing to contribute 3 percent of his salary and all Churches should be willing to pay an equal amount for the protection of our old worn-out ministers.

Respectfully,

R. T. Lewis.

Time and Place

We, the Committee on Time and Place, do hereby recommend that the Association hold its next session with the Jonas Ridge Church for the first day and with the Oak Grove Church the second day, and that the Reverend Spencer McCloud bring the message of the Association. The sessions to be held on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in August.

Respectfully submitted:

Jake Davis,
P. A. Shell.

Report on Resolutions

Resolved:

1. We, the Committee on Resolutions, ask that we tender a rising vote of thanks to the people of the Pleasant Hill Church and community and to the Minneapolis Church and community for the splendid hospitality shown the messengers and visitors during this meeting.

2. That we tender our sincere thanks to the Retiring Moderator and other officers of the Association for their services rendered during their term in office.

3. To give our heartiest co-operation to the newly elected

officers and to our Churches in the upbuilding of this Association for Christ.

Respectfully submitted:

P. A. Shell,
Robert Davis,
J. C. Brown.

Sunday Schools

(Adopted)

Your Committee on Sunday School Work wishes to present the following report on work done and to be done. Our aim for the past year was higher ground.

We believe by the Grace of God we now stand on higher ground, but the summit is still in the distance, beckoning us to higher and still higher ground. We press toward the mark of the high calling of the Lord Jesus. There has been much teaching of great value done in our Sunday School in the past year. We are sure it will bear fruit if we continue to water according to God's Will. We beg you as labourers for the Lord to make sure that every officer and teacher in your Sunday School is a saved person, for only those who know God can teach His Holy Word.

Respectfully,

Robert Davis,
W. W. Braswell.

Pastoral Support

We believe some advancement has been made in the work of Pastoral Support in the past year, but there is still much to be done, and none of our pastors are being overpaid as yet.

We wish that every Church would take note of the fact that it is costing your pastor more to live each month now. Please provide for the added cost of living. Your pastor should live as well as you do, and it is your business to see that he does.

Respectfully,

Robert Davis.

Report on Temperance

(Adopted)

"His earthly tenement was shattered by beer and wine, and his spirit departed before it was called for." Cardinal Gibbons 1915.

The great curse for the laboring man is intemperance. It has brought more desolation to the wage-earners than strikes, sickness or death. It has caused little children to be hungry and cold and to grow up among evil associations. It has broken up more homes and wrecked more lives than any other cause. No wonder: Solomon said 1000 years B.C.: "Look not thou upon the wine, when it is red. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Down to the modern times intemperance is destroying and wrecking more lives than at any other time in the past history. It fills our penitentiaries, furnishes inmates for the scaffolds and jails. It defiles everything that it touches from the time it leaves the distillery until it ends in death. Let us vote dry and be dry. We ask the Pastor of this Association to preach at least one sermon a year on Temperance and ask that each Church organize a Temperance Society.

Respectfully,

W. A. Braswell,
F. P. Guinn,
R. T. Teague.

Missions
(Adopted)

Your Committee on Missions offers for your consideration the following report:

We believe from what little we know about what the Churches have done in Mission Work the past year, that we have made some advancement, and that much seed has been sown in good ground and will bring much fruit in the future.

We believe Home Mission Work is the fountain head of all Mission Work. Therefore, we recommend with all our heart that we all as as Stewards of the Great Commission of our Lord and Saviour, look more carefully to the fountain head of our Mission Work, that great and pure rivers of life might flow to the ends of the earth.

Respectfully,

Spencer McCloud,
Glen Gentry,
Robert Davis.

Orphanage

Sixteen Churches paid our Orphanages cash and produce last year in the amount of $1,173.71. This is gratifying, since it almost doubled the amount paid the preceding year, but is this enough? When ten of our Churches does not report anything paid to our

Orphanages? Brethren, let's press forward and do our duty in this great cause.

Respectfully,

Ed. W. Buchanan.

Educational Report

(Adopted)

As we go about the task of training our children in the way they should go, we can not afford to neglect any opportunity to give them a Christian education, because in the years to come we will be looking to them for leadership. both in our churches and in civil government.

If we are to have no more wars, students must be taught to hate the things that cause wars. We feel that our demands are for good Christian teachers.

We wish to urge that our Churches recognize their young people more by observing Youth Week, and by organizing and supporting our B.T.U.

We believe that all should feel grateful to our Baptist Sunday School Board for giving every Church in the Association an opportunity to have a Daily Vacation Bible School taught in them.

Let us adults take inventory to find out if the motto, "Never Too Old To Learn," would not be a good motto for us.

Respectfully,

R. T. Teague,
W. A. Braswell,
Truman Church.

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Report on Stewardship

(Adopted)

If we are children of God we are also stewards of that which He has intrusted to our care. In First Corinthians 4:1 we read: "Let a man so account of us, as of ministers of Christ and Stewards of the mysteries of God." We as Christians are in possession of that of which the world knows nothing. So we are stewards not only of our money and time but also of the gift of everlasting life and the knowledge which we are to pass along as soul-winners for Christ.

Respectfully,

A. I. Green.

Woman's Missionary Union

(Adopted)

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Woman's Missionary Union Work is one of the most vital phases of our work because it is for the purpose of carrying out the great commission of Jesus. Its purpose is evangelism and that is the true purpose of Christianity. It is a method by which we can "Go into all the world" by sending our tithes and offerings to aid those Spirit-filled Christians in their tireless struggles.

In Avery County there are two Churches which have organizations of Woman's Missionary Union Work. The challenge of the "Harvest" is great! Let us then be up and doing! Another year should see greater work in more Churches.

Respectfully,

Edith Cardwell, Supt.
W.M.U. Work.

Obituaries

Mrs. Mary Louise Smith	Newland
Mr. D. T. Baliff (Deacon)	Elk Valley
Mrs. Ellen Carpenter	Big Meadow
Mrs. Matilda Carpenter	Big Meadow
Mrs. Julia Harmon	Beech Mountain
Mr. Jake Trivett	Beech Mountain
Mr. Charles Patrick	Elk Park
Mr. Henry Clawson	Flat Springs
Mr. Arthur Parlier (Deacon)	Fall Creek
Mrs. Dave Denny	Green Valley
Mr. Dock Ollis (Deacon)	Green Valley
Mr. D. T. Weatherman	Green Valley
Mrs. Nora Henson	Jonas Ridge
Mr. Blaine Burleson	Mount Pleasant
Mr. Thomas Oaks	Oak Grove
Mr. J. J. Parker (Deacon)	Oak Grove
*Mr. Dayton Vance	Pineola
Mr. Nathan Buchanan	Pleasant Hill
Mr. Hiramn Osborne	Powder Mill

*Killed in service of U.S.A.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

CHURCHES	Give Location: In City, Town, or County?	When Constituted	PASTORS & POSTOFFICES	Days Of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP											Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observance Of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Does Church Have Musical Director?	Does Church Have Library?
						GAINS				LOSSES				TOTAL							
					Total Members Reported Last	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members	Non-Resident Members						
Aaron	Town	....	K. L. Haga, Newland	2nd & 4th Sun.	123	....	2	....	....	3	....	....	....	122	....	Yes	No	1	1	Yes	No
Belview	Country	1922	W. W. Ward, Elizabethton, Tenn.	3rd Sun.	74	11	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	92	15	No	1	No	....	No	No
Big Meadows	Country	1922	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	2nd Sun.	134	3	....	1	....	....	1	....	2	135	37	No	1	1	....	No	No
Beech Mountain	Country	1869	Tom Stansberry, Butler, Tenn.	1st & 3rd Sun.	224	15	....	....	....	11	....	5	3	220	81	Yes	1	2	....	No	No
Crossnore	Town	1908	K. L. Haga, Newland	1st & 3rd Sun.	140	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	138	15	No	1	No	....	No	No
Chestnutdale	Country	....	R. L. Painter, Balm	1st & 3rd Sun.	39	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	42	....	Yes	1	1	....	No	No
Cranberry	Town	1908	R. L. Painter, Balm	2nd Sun. 4th Sat. & Sun.	88	1	1	....	....	6	....	....	....	84	....	Yes	1	....	....	No	No
Elk Park	Town	....	Glenn Gentry, Elk Park	1st & 3rd Sun.	66	....	3	....	....	1	....	....	1	67	....	No	No	1	....	No	No
Elk Valley	Country	1882	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	4th Sun.	118	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	117	....	Yes	1	1	....	No	No
Flat Springs	Country	1902	Victor Trivett, Butler, Tenn.	2nd & 4th Sun.	193	16	1	....	2	4	1	....	1	206	30	Yes	2	2	....	No	No
Fall Creek	Country	1887	Victor Trivett, Butler, Tenn.	2nd & 4th Sun.	139	26	8	....	1	1	....	....	1	172	30	No	2	2	....	No	No
Fairview	Country	....	J. G. Hughes, Valley	....	52	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	51	....	No	No	....	....	No	No
Green Valley	Country	1886	R. L. Painter, Balm	1st & 3rd Sun.	85	6	1	....	....	....	....	....	3	89	....	No	2	1	....	No	No
Henson Creek	Country	1900	J. Astor Buchanan, Spruce Pine	3rd Sun.	59	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	66	....	No	1	1	....	No	No
Heaton	Country	1935	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	4th Sun.	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20	....	No	No	....	....	No	No
Jonas Ridge	Country	1933	R. L. Painter, Balm	3rd Sun.	69	10	....	1	....	3	....	....	1	76	....	No	No	....	....	No	No
Minneapolis	Town	1911	D. N. Jones, Elizabethton, Tenn.	1st & 4th Sun.	119	8	....	....	1	4	4	....	....	120	....	No	1	....	....	No	No
Mount Pleasant	Country	1876	Lawrence Hoggamon, Beech Creek	3rd Sun.	47	6	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	52	....	Yes	1	1	....	No	No
Newland	Town	1921	Vilas N. Minton, Newland	1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sun.	100	....	2	....	....	7	....	....	1	94	....	Yes	2	2	29	No	No
Oak Grove	Country	1899	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	3rd Sun.	96	4	....	....	....	13	3	....	2	82	48	Yes	1	1	....	Yes	No
Pineola	Country	1925	V. W. Green, Pineola	1st & 3rd Sun.	97	8	1	....	1	9	....	....	1	97	15	No	1	....	....	No	No
Pleasant Hill	Country	....	Dayton Jones, Rt. 5, Elizabethton, Tenn.	1st & 3rd Sun.	269	7	....	3	....	....	....	....	1	278	....	Yes	1	2	....	No	No
Pleasant Valley	Country	1884	V. W. Green, Pineola	2nd & 4th Sun.	102	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	3	99	25	Yes	1	1	....	No	No
Powder Mill	Country	1914	Vinson Brown, Frank	2nd & 4th Sun.	39	13	5	....	....	....	....	....	1	56	....	Yes	1	1	....	No	No
Roaring Creek	Country	1871	J. G. Hughes, Valley	3rd Sun.	76	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	76	12	Yes	1	1	1	No	No
Yellow Mountain	Country	....	None	....	94	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	1	91	16	....	....	....	1	No	No

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

		SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT												SPECIAL INFORMAT					VACATION SCHOOL		
CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS & POSTOFFICES	Cradle Roll Three Years And Under	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years And Up	Extension Department	General And Department Officers	Have You A Mission Sunday School?	Enrollment Of Mission Sunday School	Total Enrollment—Main School And Mission	What Is Your Average Attendance?	Baptisms From Sunday School	Is The School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Diplomas (New Series)	Enrollment Of Vacation School	Average Attendance Of Vacation School	Number Of Departments Vacation School
Aaron	W. F. Henderson, Montezuma												75	60		No	No		35	30	2
Belview	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry	8	15	12	11	14	10	50		2			122	68	11	Yes	No		30	23	2
Big Meadows	Don. E. Carpenter, Three Mile		5	10	5	8	12	10					50	50		No	No		No	No	No
Beech Mountain	Jack Cook, Whaley								15	3			75	52		No	No		36	33	2
Crossnore	S. R. Burleson, Crossnore		9	13	11	9	18	24					84	70		No	No		50	40	2
Chestnutdale	Rom Huffman, Frank		10	18		25		20					23	60		No	No		20	15	2
Cranberry	E. L. McCourry, Sr., Cranberry												62	60		No	No		62	58	2
Elk Park	Geo. W. Nesbitt, Elk Park												73	70		No	No		55	56	2
Elk Valley	H. M. Horney, Banner Elk		10		10	8	10	7					45	45		No	No				
Flat Springs	Russell Norris, Heaton		21		14	18	13	27		1	Yes	35	129	54	16	No	No		36	25	2
Fall Creek	Judd Jones, Whaley		15	15	16	12	24	30		8			120	80		No	No				
Fairview	Jim Puckett, Kalmira												70	55		No	No				
Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	5	13	15	8	12	7	20		2			82	55		No	No				
Henson Creek	Hobert Dellinger, Spear	5	6	7	7		7	8					40	40		No	No		15	15	2
Heaton	Grace Oaks, Heaton												15	12		No	No				
JonasRidge	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge	12	5	10	12	16	10	20					85	35	10	No	No				
Minneapolis	Jeff Pyatte, Minneapolis		8		4	3	12	12		9			48	48		No	No				
Mount Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Crossnore	10	10	10	12	10	10	38					100	50		Yes	No		30	27	3
Newland	Fred Taylor, Newland		11	8	16	27	12	20					94	65		Yes	No		65	45	3
Oak Grove	C. H. New, Newland		10	8	14	5		15					52	38		No	No		20	15	2
Pineola	Greene Buchanan, Pineola			12	9	6	18	8		2			55	50		No	No		55	50	3
Pleasant Hill	Vivian Brown, Frank	3	11	11	7	9	26	24					91	91		No	No		31	11	2
Pleasant Valley	Noah Hicks, Elk Park	15	10	9	14	12	10	25					95	30		No	No		23	15	2
Powder Mill	George Watson, Senia			12	12	14		12					50	40		No	No				
Roaring Creek	C. M. Thomas, Valley	6	8	10	12	10	10	8					64	50		Yes	No		48	45	3
Yellow Mountain	Vester Stafford, Spear			10	15	17	10	25		6			83	40		No	No				

MINUTES

of the

Avery County Baptist Association

NORTH CAROLINA

1946

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Thirty-Fifth Annual Session

Held With

Jonas Ridge Baptist Church August 22

and

Oak Grove Baptist Church August 23

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OFFICERS

Rev. D. N. Jones	Moderator
Rev. V. W. Greene	Vice Moderator
Rev. Jeff Pyatte	Treasurer
D. Buchanan	Clerk

Next session will be held with Cranberry Baptist Church on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in August 1947

COMMITTEES FOR 1947

You should have your reports
ready on time

Order of Business -------- D. N. Jones, J. C. Brown, K. L. Haga
Sunday Schools ------ Vivien Brown, W. W. Pyatte, J. H. Vance
B.T.U.- Mrs. E. C. Lecka, Mrs. Bessie Price, Mrs. Truman Church
Periodicals ------- R. L. Painter, R. T. Teague, Vester Stafford
Education ---- J. W. Costner, Dr. F. P. Guinn, Mrs. P. A. Shell
Missions -------- J. C. Brown, Mrs. Fritz Hall, Mrs. Iva Vance
Stewardship -- G. H. Glass, Truman Church, Mrs. R. N. Cardwell
Obituaries ------ D. Buchanan, Dewey Gouge, Mrs. J. L. Pyatte
Hospitals -------------- K. L. Haga, J. A. Ledford, L. L. Cook
Ministerial Relief ---- V. W. Greene, T. B. Gryder, A. I. Greene
Temperance -------- Spencr McCloud, Ed Buchanan, Jake Ollis
Orphanages ------------- Dewey Gouge, Jack Cook, Iva Hodge
State of Churches --------- Lawrence Hagaman, J. D. Braswell, Walter Hicks
Finances -------------- Jeff Pyatte, J. C. Brown, V. W. Greene
Pastoral Support --- Ed Buchanan, R. T. Teague, J. D. Braswell
Program Committee ---- J. W. Costner, K. L. Haga, J. C. Brown

Executive Committee

V. W. Greene, chairman; K. L Haga, secretary; J. C. Brown, R. T. Lewis, R. T. Teague, J. D. Braswell, Ed W. Buchanan, R. L. Painter

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures to churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional fifty members or major fraction an additional Delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association fund to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letters read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Historian, and an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Association and two laymen elected by the Association, all of whom shall be elected immediately after the church letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session of the Association.

Duties of Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator, Treasurer and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.
2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.
3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. No persons shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.
6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.
3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.
4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancy in organization.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of Committee on Order of Business as to subjects and discussions.
9. Election of officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.
11. All customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

AARON—K. L. Haga, Laura Price, Verda Hays, W. N. Braswell.

BELVIEW—Dewey Gouge, Rettie Gouge, Flossie Gouge.

BEECH MT.—Dave Trivett, Ray McGuire, Jud Walsh, Ruby Trivett, Joe Polier.

BIG MEADOWS—H. J. Pyatte, Don Carpenter, Albert Caliway.

CHESTNUT DALE—Mr. and Mrs. Romas Huffman, Frank Hicks, Jeter Isaacs.

CROSSNORE—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Williams, Geneva Mohr.

CRANBERRY—B. H. Nicely, E. L. McCurry, Brown Ollis, John Holtselaw, J. B. Nicely.

ELK PARK—Claud Isaacs, F. B. Guinn, R. N. Cardwell.

FALL CREEK—Canard Cook, T. B. Gryder, Judd Jones.

FLAT SPRINGS—Russell Norrie, J. M. Harmon, A. V. McGuire, Dan Green.

FAIR VIEW—I. W. Woody, Dewey Hughes, R. L. Woody.

GREEN VALLEY—R. L. Hall, Jake Davis, Mrs. Fritz Hall.

HEATON—

HENSON CREEK—Paul Delinger, Odell Burleson, Homer Burleson.

JONAS RIDGE—H. B. Clark, Pink Shell, George Mull.

LONG RIDGE—Alford Woody, Bynum Webb, Ronald Woody.

MINNEAPOLIS—Brant Lewis, Maude Buchanan, Lerroa Pyatte, Jeff Pyatte, Lucille Pyatte.

MT. PLEASANT—R. H. Horney, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Thompson, J. D. Summor, Mrs. Howard Daniels, Mrs. W. W. Wear.

NEWLAND—R. T. Teague, J. D. Braswell, Mrs. C. M. Lecka, Shufford Carpenter.

OAK GROVE—J. D. Ledford, John Taylor, Arlington Taylor.

PINEOLA—Green Buchanan, Cage Woody, Mrs. Ira Vance.

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Vance Buchanan, Vivien Brown, Ed W. Buchanan.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Boyd Hicks, Walter Hicks, Noah Hicks, Bettie Trivett.

POWDER MILL—Hick Buchanan, Taylor Buchanan, Bunie Staton.

ROARING CREEK—Conley Gardner, John Green, Ersell Young.

YELLOW MT.—Mr. and Mrs. D. Buchanan, Mrs. Wade Buchanan.

PROCEEDINGS — FIRST DAY

The association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. D. N. Jones, with some introductory remarks. In absence of Warsaw Braswell, the clerk, a motion was entertained by the moderator by J. C. Brown and seconded by R. L. Painter that D. Buchanan act as clerk. Motion carried. Devotional service was conducted by J. C. Brown. Scripture lesson 1 cpt. James 1 to 13 Vs. with comments on the same. Singing and Prayer.

Roll call of churches and 25 reported, after which visitors were recognized and invited to seats. Rev. Bruce Buchanan, Rev. Aster Buchanan, Rev. Hobert Glass and Rev. Frank Parsons from Mitchell Association. Rev. J. C. Benfield and wife from Caldwell Association. Rev. E. M. Johnson and wife from Wataga Association in Tennessee. Rev. W. J. Smith from Three Forks Association. Rev. J. W. Costner, L. L. Estop.

On motion by J. C. Brown, nominated Rev. D. N. Jones to succeed himself as moderator and V. W. Greene as vice moderator. Both nominations carried unanimously. On motion Rev. Jeff Pyatte was elected treasurer. also D. Buchanan was elected permanent clerk, and J. D. Braswell and R. T. Lewis as executive committee to serve with the other committee.

Singing by the choir. In the absence of the Rev. Spencer McCloud, Rev. W. J. Smith preached the introductory sermon. Subject taken from Pauls 2nd letter to Timothy and 4th chapter.

On motion by K. L. Haga that the program as printed be adopted.

On motion by K. L. Haga the moderator appointed a special committee on churches as follows: R. T. Teague, Ira Hodges, Howard Cook.

Singing and dismissed for noon by J. W. Costner.

AFTERNOON SESSION — FIRST DAY

Association met according to order. Singing devotional service conducted by K. L. Haga. Prayer led by Rev. J. C. Pipes.

Vice moderator V. W. Greene presided. The committee reported on new churches. A new church has been organized at Long Ridge Baptist Church and asked to be admitted to the association.

We have examined this church on articles of faith and find them sound and we as a committee recommend that the delegates be seated in the Avery Association.

R. T. Teague
Rev. Ira Hodges
D. C. Cook

On motion Long Ridge Church was duly admitted.

Report on Missions was read by R. T. Teague, discussed by him and J. C. Pipes, and adopted.

MISSIONS

Jesus commanded his disciples to carry the gospel into every corner of the globe. Twenty-one of the twenty-six churches in the Avery association obeyed this command in the sum of $969.50 for the first half of this year. Two churches, Newland and Elk Park, paid a little more than half of the above amount. It is a shame that five of our churches were not interested enough in God's command to carry the gospel to a lost world to put a single penny into this fund. I suggest that we set apart a day of prayer that God in his mercy may forgive us and wake us up to the fact that it is God for the world or chaos.

R. T. Teague
J. H. Vann
Mrs. B. H. Shell, Committee

Report on Hospitals was read by R. L. Painter, discussed by K. L. Haga and E. M. Johnson, and adopted.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

We have a hospital to care for our sick. Its primary purpose is to minister to the unfortunate who are not able to pay for medical care.

The Out-patient Department has been greatly enlarged. It is now possible to care for many more patients than formerly. There is a charge of five dollars for an examination. There is no exception to this rule. Those who can pay for hospitalization are supposed to do so.

The expense of caring for our unfortunate sick is paid for by the Baptist people on Mother's Day. It is recommended that each one of our churches help in this cause.

Respectfully submitted,
Roby L. Painter

Report on Sunday Schools read by Vivien Brown, discussed by him, and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Our aim this year is to go forward in the Sunday School work more than we have in the past year. Some Sunday Schools are growing but still there are plenty who are not attending any Sunday

School. We should pray more and work harder than we have done that we might have better Sunday Schools and stronger teachers to go forward in the coming year.

Vivien Brown
Mrs. Fritz Hall

Report on B.T.U. and W.M.U. was made by Mrs. Eula Lecky, discussed by her, and adopted.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Truly one of the greatest purposes of the organization of "The Church" is that of making a way of transmitting the good tidings that He is the Christ and Our Savior. It is our task to give Germany a Loving Father rather than a Hitler; it is our task to give Japan a Christian Church rather than a shinto; it is our task to give America a peaceful, happy, true Christian Life rather than a striving after the materialistic wealth! Missions are our purpose, let us be up and at our labor of love.

Only two churches in our Avery Association have missionary organizations: Newland Church and Elk Park Church. These have only three Societies; Newland, a Woman's Missionary Society and a Young Woman's Auxiliary; Elk Park, a Woman's Missionary Society, only.

During the third and fourth quarter of 1945 and the first and second quarters of 1946 a total of $270.37 has been sent from these Missionary Organizations for the Missionary Cause.

During the year which is just beginning, it is hoped that more can be done within these Organizations and it is sincerely hoped that other Organizations will be formed in the Association.

Edith Cardwell, Supt.
Woman's Missionary Union Work
Avery Association

A Special Request

If there are interested women in any church who would like to form any of the Missionary Union Organizations in her church, please let me have her name and address. I will be glad to be of any help possible as I am very anxious that this work grow. It would be appreciated if someone's name from each church in the association would be presented. Thank you so much.

Edith Cardwell

REPORT ON B. T. U.

for 1945-1946

Scripture II Tim. 2:15

When our Lord and Saviour gave us our marching orders He said "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things" Matt. 28:19-20. The Training Union makes possible the realizations of this command in the lives of those seeking to do his will as we learn to do by doing.

The need of this world today in all its agony is Jesus Christ, and that knowledge will come as we who know Him are able to live in a manner that will cause the world to take knowledge that we have been with Jesus.

The Training Union will help us to do this.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Brown
Mrs. Eula Lecka
Mrs. Verta Hayes

On motion by K. L. Haga that Vivien Brown be elected associational Sunday School superintendent which was done.

Bessie Price was elected W. M. U. superintendent for the association.

On motion W. W. Braswell be continued as Historian was adopted.

Also K. L. Haga was appointed Hospital Representative and Dewey Gouge was appointed Orphanage Representative.

On request an offering was taken for printing and other expenses. The amount was $12.98.

After which the meeting was dismissed in prayer by K. L. Hega.

SECOND DAY SESSION — AUGUST 23

Held with Oak Grove Baptist Church. Open by singing. Devotional led by William Brown. Scripture 2 Cor. 1 to 13. Prayer led by V. W. Greene. The meeting was then called to order by the moderator.

Report on periodicals read by Ed W. Buchanan, discussed by him, and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

People are largely influenced by what they read; therefore we should read literature which instill high ideals and create a desire for better living. We recommend the Bible first, last and all times. "The Biblical Recorder," "Charity and Children," "Home Mission Journal" should be in every Baptist home. The best is none too good for our homes. The future home depends on the Christian culture of the homes of this generation.

Ed W. Buchanan
Trit Hall
Dewey Gouge

Report on Temperance by V. W. Greene, discussed by J. W. Costner and R. M. Hauss. The Anti-Saloon League report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following. Temperance is a fundamental doctrine and practice among Christians but too many talk dry and live wet. Intemperance is the mightiest weapon the Devil has to destroy our influence. Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds with a cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine. They that go to seek mixed wine. Look thou not upon wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. Prov. 23-29.

For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Matt. 16-26. What is a liquor profit? For instance, the State last year received in revenue for liquor the sum of $2,269,665.54. But in order to get this we had to sell $26,707,947.55 in liquor. We sent out of the State to Maryland, Kentucky, New York, and other States the sum of a little more than twenty-six million, thus giving them 26 for 2. Can this be called profits? We lose not only in character but in manhood, in civilization, and in money. God help us.

V. W. Greene

Report on Orphanage by K. L. Haga, adopted and ably discussed by Paul Lovingood from the orphanage.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Several thousand orphan children have been fed, clothed, educated and cared for in our orphanage institutions, namely Kennedy Home and Mills Home. The denomination is doing a great work for their usefulness and happiness. Many however are denied the privilege, due to lack of room and lack of money. From Jan. 1, 1946, to June 30, 1946, 13 churches of the Avery Association contributed only $283.24 cash to support of the Orphanage work. But to our shame the other 13 churches have not contributed a single penny.

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That every church and Sunday Schol send at least one contribution each month during the next 12 months.
2. That every Sunday School secure 10 or more copies of Charity and Children to be distributed in their Sunday Schools every Sunday during the next 12 months.
3. That a special Thanksgiving offering be taken in every church and Sunday School during the month of November prior to Thanksgiving day and the money collected be sent immediately

thereafter to the Treasurer of the Orphanage.

Rev. K. L. Haga, Chairman
Mrs. R. N. Cardwell
Jack Cook, Orphanage Committee

At this time Rev. C. E. Parker representing the Baptist Hospital had arrived and addressed the association on Hospitals and healing.

Adjourned for dinner in prayer by K. L. Haga.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Open by singing. Devotional services by R. L. Painter from 1 cpt. of Romans. Prayer led by E. C. Lecky.

Singing as an offering was taken for general expenses of the association. Amount of collection was $20.16.

Report on time and place was read by Ed Buchanan and adopted.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held at the Cranberry Church on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in August 1947 and that Rev. R. L. Painter deliver the annual sermon with the Rev. Ira Hodges his alternate.

R. T. Teague
Ed W. Buchanan
Roy McGuire

On motion by R. T. Teague that we go on record to ask our next representative to have a law passed to keep beer and wine out of Avery County.

Report on Ministerial Relief and State of the Churches was not made.

Report on education by K. L. Haga adopted and discussed by Rev. Webb Braswell.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The word education means cultivation, training, as of the mind, the acquisition or imparting of knowledge. Education includes the whole course of training, moral, intellectual, physical and spiritual.

From a Biblical standpoint education is the imparting of Bible Knowledge. Biblical education should begin in the home with parents as teachers. Deut. 6:6-7a. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children etc. This has been woefully neglected in this present generation. More stress should be placed on the training of children in the home. The home training is or should be followed up by the church, but before a church can give the proper kind of training it must have trained officers and teachers. This has also been woefully neglected, especially is this true with the 26 churches that make up "The Avery County Baptist Association." This, brethren, ought not to be. We have failed to take advantage of the opportunities offered us in Bible Schools and training unions. Therefore, we have neither well trained officers nor teachers in most, if not all, of our churches. We, your committee, recommend that this Association do something to remedy this situation. We know that no denomination can do the things that God would have it do unless it has knowledge, wisdom and training to do them. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2nd Timothy 2:15.

There can be no excuse for ignorance in this enlightened age. Other denominations are pressing forward and we as Baptists must either educate or fail.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. Braswell, Chm.

Report on Stewardship by P. A. Shell was adopted and discussed by R. T. Teague.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship means that we are entrusted with the blessings of God both spiritual and material. We of the Avery Association have been greatly blessed. God has entrusted much to our care.

Let us resolve to live a more devoted life during the coming year. Let us give more for the kingdom work.

Respectfully submitted,
T. B. Gryder
P. A. Shell

Report on obituaries was read by V. W. Greene. Report was adopted. The association stood in silence and then sang "We Are Passing Away."

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Lucie Kincaid, Deacon T. M. McCloud, Mrs. Nancy Hicks, James H. Walsh, 1st Sgt. Earl K. Stamy, KIA, David Henson, Mrs. Mollie Thomas, Mrs. Matilda Hodges, B. C. Green, Mrs. Morrie Barrier, Mrs. Lura Singleton, Lonnie Taylor, David Hega, Killed in Service, N. P. Green, Mrs. Victory Merdith, Simon Green, Mrs. Creed Green, Mrs. Betsy McKinney, Mrs. Rinda Burleson.

—This report made by V. W. Green.

Report on Resolutions by K. L. Haga and adopted.

RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved:

That we extend to the people of Jonas Ridge and Oak Grove Communities our sincere thanks for their fine entertainment and welcome.

That we extend to our Associational officers our gratitude for their diligence in carrying on the administrative work.

That we express our most sincere thanks to all speakers and representatives who appeared on the program for their inspirational messages.

K. L. Haga, Chm.
Dewey Gouge
Mrs. Fritz Hall

AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
(Composed of 26 Churches)
August 23, 1946

WHEREAS many of our loved ones, especially our veteran sons and daughters, have formed the vicious habit of drinking alcoholic beverages which encourages many crimes such as drunken driving, loss of virtue, disrespect for law and the danger of losing their own souls,

WE, the members of the BAPTIST CHURCHES, knowing it is our bounden duty and privilege and hoping to preserve and protect the virtue of our boys and girls, do hereby resolve:

1. That this association go on record as condemning the sale and use of alcohol (BEER, WINE AND WHISKEY) as a beverage in our COUNTY AND STATE.

(a) Be it further resolved that we petition the State Legislature to grant us the right to put it out of our County.

(b) That a copy of this resolution be sent to our weekly and daily papers, one to our State Representative and one be included in the minutes of our association.

Respectfully submitted and adopted this the 24 day of Aug., 1946.

Respectfully submitted,
RESOLUTION COMMITTEE
D. N. Jones
V. W. Greene

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Church	President	P.O.
Elk Park	Mrs. G. F. Bowers	Elk Park
Newland	Mrs. C. M. Leoka	Newland

TRAINING UNION

Church	Director	P.O.
Aaron	Elliotte Hayes	Montezuma
Beech Mt.	Mrs. Truman Church	Heaton
Flat Springs	W. R. Trivett	Heaton
Newland	Mrs. C. M. Laoka	Newland

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ARE PASTORS

J. C. Brown	Cranberry
Spencer McCloud	Cranberry

Victor Trivett	Butler, Tenn.
Wiley Smith	Boone
Larance Hegeman	Beech Creek
J. A. Buchanan	Spruce Pine
Ira Hodges	Banners Elk
I. A. Shoe	Lenoir
L. L. Estop	Whaley
J. W. Costner	Newland
William Brown	Blowing Rock
V. W. Greene	Pineola
Deyton Jones	Heaton
Vivien Brown	Frank
J. G. Hughs	Valley
Hobert Glass	Mimpro
Roby Painter	Balm

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ARE NOT PASTORS

Jeff Pyatte	Minneapolis
W. A. Braswell	Montezuma
L. W. Suderth	Montezuma
Gather Harmon	
Glen Gentry	Elk Park
Earl Carver	Heaton
C. A. Guy	Whaley
J. W. Woody	Kalmi
L. W. Woody	Kalmi
E. Woody	Spruce Pine
Rubin Cook	Minneapolis
Jess Cook	Minneapolis
C. H. New	Newland
Joe Phillips	Pineola
Jake Ollis	Plumtree
C. M. Thomas	Valley
T. C. Hicks	Elk Park
Ham Hapsan	Valley

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Darius Ollis

On motion by R. T. Teague that association do adjourn by singing "Amazing Grace" with handshake.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Astor Buchanan.

Rev. D. N. Jones, Moderator
D. Buchanan, Clerk

AVERY COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

September 28, 1946

The Avery County Sunday School Convention met with the Pineola Church. Rev. Vivian Brown, Asso. Supt. presiding. Song service was led by Ed W. Buchanan. Devotion conducted by Rev. V. W. Greene.

Organization. Ed W. Buchanan elected secretary and treasurer. Rev. Jeff Pyatte elected Sunday School Missionary. Associational Missionary, Rev. J. C. Brown, evangelism.

Questions discussed: Relation of the Pastor with the Sunday School by Rev. J. W. Costner. This was an interesting and educational address given by Rev. Costner. A Special Song by Misses Teague and Ray of Newland.

Question: Relation of Superintendent to Sunday School and Church work discussed by Ed W. Buchanan.

Question: Putting the program to work by Rev. K. L. Haga.

Churches represented: Aaron, Pineola, Pleasant Hill, Newland, Oak Grove, and Crossnore.

There was a fine dinner served by the ladies of Pineola, for which we are very grateful.

Convention adjourned by Rev. V. W. Greene to meet with Crossnore Church on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1947.

Rev. V. W. Greene, Supt.
Ed W. Buchanan, Sec.

HISTORICAL
AND
STATISTICAL
TABLES

Historical Table

A memorial service for N. S. Hampton and K. L. Haga

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A .Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powder Mill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Bell View	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyette
1946	Jonas Ridge	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Jeff Pyette

Churches	CLERK AND POST OFFICE	TREASURER AND POST OFFICE
Aaron	T. E. Pritchard, Montezuma	Mrs. Verda Hays, Montezuma
Beech Mt	Dewey Gauge, Cranberry	Flossie Gouge, Cranberry
Bell View	Mrs. Truman Church, Heaton	Truman Church, Heaton
Big Meadows	Mrs. Larance Carpenter, Three Mile	J. L. Pyatte, Pyatte
Chestnutdale	Romas Huffman, Frank	Silvester Huffman, Frank
Crossnore	Mrs. Geneva Mohr, Crossnore	Mrs. O. B. Williams, Pineola
Cranberry	Mrs. Jonnie Nicely, Cranberry	Mrs. Meldised Green, Cranberry
Elk Park	Mrs. R. N. Cardwell, Elk Park	Clarence Carroll, Elk Park
Fall Creek	William M. Dugger, Heaton	Mrs. W. M. Dugger, Heaton
Flat Springs	Sam Trivitte, Kalmia	Jack Forbes, Kalmia
Fair View	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek	A. V. McGuire, Whaley
Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine
Heaton	Ben J. Greer, Heaton	....
Henson Creek	Stella Delinger, Spear	Earl Burleson, Spear
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nillie Shell, Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell, Jonas Bridge
Long Ridge	Ronald Woody, Pineola	....
Minneapolis	Maude Buchanan, Minneapolis	Maude Buchanan, Minneapolis
Mt. Pleasant	Jay D. Seumner, Hughes	Jay D. Simmons, Hughes
Newland	Miss Louise Stout, Newland	Finley Bonner, Newland
Oak Grove	Mrs. Vonnie Taylor, Newland	J. N. Taylor, Newland
Pineola	Mrs. Grady Stewart, Pineola	Coye Woody, Pineola
Pleasant Hill	Noontide Ollis, Frank	Luther Ollis, Frank
Pleasant Valley	Robert Hicks, Elk Park	Boyd Hicks, Elk Park
Powder Mill	T. J. Green, Senia	T. J. Green, Senia
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Valley	L. M. Tomas, Valley
Yellow Mt	D. Buchanan, Spear	T. J. Green, Spear

SUMMARY TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Other Objects	Total Membership	No. Revivals Held	Minute Fund	Help to Local Poor	Revival Expenses	Red Cross	Orphanages	Hospitals	Denomination Contributions	Total Value all Church Property	Total Building and Reserve Funds	Pastor's Salary	Total local church expense	Gifts to Co-Op Pro. or Unified Budget	Total for all missions, Co-Op. Prog., etc.
Aaron	K. L. Haga, Newland	...	......	122	1	10.00	......	39.00	......	39.95	22.66	76.00	4000	163.00	250.00	573.00	15.00	665.00
Beech Mt.	Deyton Jones, Heaton	1	94.40	215	1	15.00	22.62	77.75	5.00	211.75	10.06	413.00	2500	....	520.00	842.00	......	1256.00
Bell View	Deyton Jones, Heaton	...	120.07	87	1	5.00	60.00	54.65	16.82	60.00	15.00	111.00	1500	275.00	230.00	796.00	......	908.00
Big Meadows	R. L. Painter, Balm	6	......	148	1	4.00	......	87.00	......	33.00	13.14	51.14	2000	....	144.00	288.00	......	340.00
Chestnutdale	R. L. Painter, Balm	4	10.00	59	1	1.00	12.00	32.20	......	......	......	......	3000	60.00	145.00	......	......	321.00
Crossnore	K. L. Haga, Newland	8	......	89	1	10.00	......	25.00	......	25.79	13.41	18.32	4000	155.00	250.00	660.00	......	843.00
Cranberry	Victor Trivett, Butler, Tenn.	12	......	101	2	10.00	66.61	289.14	......	10.00	35.00	65.00	2000	....	360.00	29.77	......	65.00
Elk Park	Wiley Smith, Boone	2	26.27	74	1	3.00	52.93	220.05	......	76.65	51.38	267.76	2000	303.73	....	551.28	39.36	819.24
Fall Creek	Victor Trivett, Butler, Tenn.	7	......	179	2	3.70	51.26	101.26	......	116.26	25.00	201.61	1000	135.01	633.00	748.22	......	1088.17
Flat Springs	Larance Hegeman, Beech Creek	4	......	200	1	3.00	......	87.65	......	58.50	13.59	111.21	800	1054.72	172.49	375.57	......	486.78
Fair View	J. G. Hughes, Valley	1	......	52	1	2.00	37.70	20.00	......	......	20.72	......	800	83.50	226.07	376.54	......	560.98
Green Valley	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	2	52.45	107	2	3.00	16.00	25.75	17.00	20.00	15.00	79.75	1500	....	325.00	481.23	......	560.98
Heaton	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	...	......	15	...	1.00	......	......	......	2.00	2.00	4.00	....	....	35.55	39.50	......	400.00
Henson Creek	J. A. Buchanan, Spruce Pine	9	50.00	76	2	7.00	10.00	291.43	......	10.00	10.00	20.00	1000	....	240.00	635.68	......	665.68
Jonas Ridge	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	2	22.19	85	1	7.00	......	46.46	......	96.45	......	167.45	2500	....	220.86	356.89	......	524.32
Long Ridge	I. A. Shoe, Lenoir	..	......	31	...	2.00	......	......	......	......	......	......	....	....	....	....	......	....
Minneapolis	Deyton Jones, Heaton	5	39.88	117	1	3.00	81.25	60.10	9.80	40.28	12.59	72.93	1500	....	181.34	1169.32	......	1242.25
Mt. Pleasant	L. L. Estep, Whaley	9	25.00	64	2	3.00	76.60	113.00	......	48.51	23.00	97.51	3500	....	400.00	768.28	......	865.71
Newland	F. W. Costner, Newland	17	29.26	212	1	10.00	5.00	163.00	100.00	76.00	100.00	772.61	700	1500.83	822.00	3193.90	360.56	3990.81
Oak Grove	William Brown, Blowing Rock	...	70.59	99	...	3.65	47.48	......	30.25	10.00	20.00	71.25	800	....	137.00	648.06	11.00	719.31
Pineola	V. W. Green, Pineola	4	4.00	98	1	10.75	......	51.67	......	33.48	15.25	85.96	2500	....	161.23	321.62	33.23	403.58
Pleasant Hill	Deyton Jones, Heaton	2	......	280	1	10.00	214.25	109.80	......	124.48	31.00	155.48	3000	....	706.90	1226.94	......	1382.48
Pleasant Valley	V. W. Green, Pineola	..	5.77	124	1	2.50	10.00	22.00	......	......	4.00	4.00	500	....	122.00	171.27	......	181.27
Powder Mill	Vivien Brown, Mineapolis	...	10.00	52	1	2.00	78.50	50.00	......	10.00	......	10.00	1000	....	125.37	290.88	......	300.58
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes, Valley	15	......	84	2	2.00	15.00	25.00	......	......	......	......	....	....	60.00	138.00	......	138.00
Yellow Mt.	Hobert Glass, Mimpro	11	6.50	96	1	3.50	17.62	......	......	45.22	19.51	51.40	5000	....	260.00	445.51	......	510.51

TOTALS: Baptisms, 121; Other Objects, 557.38; Total Membership, 2866; No. Revivals Held, 29; Minute Fund, 137.10; Help to Local Poor, 874.82; Revival Expenses, 1991.91; Red Cross, 178.87; Orphanages, 1156.32; Hospitals, 502.31; Denomination Contributions, 2907.38; Total Value all Church Property, 47,100; Total Building and Reserve Funds, 2380.79; Pastor's Salary, 6,727.81; Total local church Expenses, 14,628.06; Gifts to Co-Op. Program or Unified Budget, 159.14; Total for all Missions, Co-Op. Program, etc., 19,238.95.

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll, 3 Years and Under	Beginners 4-5	Primaries 6-8	Juniors 9-12	Intermediates 13-16	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 Years and Up	Church Paper, Literature, etc	Officers Not Enr'd	Total Enrolment	Avg. Attendance	Have VBS?	Enrolment	Avg. Attendance
Aaron	W. F. Henderson, Newland	14	4	12	22	20	26	37	41.23	7	132	56	...	...	...
Beech Mt	Dudley Trivett, Whaley	...	30	...	23	15	15	25	43.14	3	116	78	*	22	...
Bell View	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry	8	12	14	15	10	15	40	53.56	...	112	71	...	...	...
Big Meadows	Don Carpenter, Three Mile	...	10	12	8	8	12	10	34.00	...	60	...	...	...	...
Chestnutdale	Romas Huffman, Frank	12	14	5	9	16	...	10	.....	...	66	...	*	28	23
Crossnore	S. A. Burleson, Crossnore	6	10	15	26	15	21	45	85.00	3	75	75	*	30	25
Cranberry	B. H. Nicely, Cranberry	16	13	19	22	24	20	47	59.46	...	60	...	*	...	...
Elk Park	Claude Isaacs, Elk Park	...	2	18	22	8	15	50	70.00	...	115	...	...	...	...
Fall Creek	Hesley Smith, Whaley	10	12	15	14	20	20	25	25.00	...	100	100	...	...	...
Flat Springs	Russell Norris, Beech Creek	5	10	...	...	...	...	...	24.44	...	65	60	...	41	22
Fair View	James Pucket, Ingalls	...	10	10	...	12	13	10	9.00	...	55	...	...	...	...
Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	...	10	12	15	12	10	18	51.03	...	70	55	...	...	...
Heaton	Grace Oaks, Heaton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	15	...	...	...	...
Henson Creek	Hobert Delinger, Spear	...	6	...	10	14	...	10	26.00	6	60	46	...	...	...
Jonas Ridge	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge	15	5	8	10	15	8	20	26.11	...	66	...	...	...	...
Long Ridge	Green Buchanan, Pineola	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	40	...	...	...	...
Minneapolis	Jeff Pyatte, Minneapolis	...	8	...	8	...	12	14	23.59	7	80	49	...	...	...
Mt. Pleasant	K. H. Horney, Crossmore	...	...	16	12	12	15	20	30.00	2	72	60	...	...	...
Newland	Bruce W. Daniels, Newland	...	18	15	25	18	15	31	88.29	...	122	83	...	...	...
Oak Grove	J. A. Ledford, Newland	9	4	14	15	7	8	41	45.32	5	101	50	...	...	...
Pineola	Green Buchanan, Pinola	...	34	...	10	...	35	16	19.19	5	100	60	...	...	...
Pleasant Hill	Vivien Brown, Frank	12	7	10	14	15	24	15	57.39	...	150	97	...	...	...
Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Elk Park	15	10	9	14	12	10	25	.....	...	70	45	...	...	...
Powder Mill	George Watson, Senia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25.00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Roaring Creek	C. M. Thomas, Valley	8	10	12	12	13	10	5	16.00	...	55	55	...	...	...
Yellow Mt	Vester Stafford, Spear	5	10	12	14	18	16	20	31.44	...	90	42	*	...	...

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COMMITTEES FOR 1948

Please have your reports ready
on time

Order of Business	V. W. Greene, J. W. Costner, K. L. Haga
Sunday Schools	Jeff Pyatte, R. T. Lewis, Mrs. E. L. McCurry
Periodicals	R. T. Teague, F. P. Guinn, C. M. Lecky
Education	W. W. Braswell, Robt. Cardwell, W. W. Pyatte
Missions	J. W. Costner, J. C. Brown, Loyed Suderth
Stewardship	Ed. W. Buchanan, R. L. Painter, Iva Hodge
Orphanage	K. L. Haga, D. N. Jones, J. G. Buchanan
Temperance	J. C. Brown, R. T. Lewis, C. H. New
Hospitals	C. M. Lecky, Iva Hodge, Vivian Brown
B. T. U	Mrs. Bessie Price, Mrs. Ira Vance, Mrs. Earl Greene
W. M. U	Edith Cardwell, E. L. McCurry, Flossie Gouge
Periodicals	S. C. Braswell, Spencer McCloud, Vester Stafford
Obituaries	Frank Brown, Dewey Gouge
Finances	Jeff Pyatte, D. Buchanan
Pastoral Support	D. N. Jones, J. D. Clark
Program Committee	J. W. Costner, K. L. Haga

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art 2. The objects shall be to advise and recommend measures to churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional fifty members or major fraction an additional Delegate.

Objects

Art 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers and Prerogatives

Art 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requiremens, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connections with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Art 8. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk. Treasurer, Historian and an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Association and two laymen elected by the Association, all of whom shall be elected immediately after the church letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session of the Association.

Duties of the Officers

Art 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator, Treasurer and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No persons shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.

2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.

3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.

4. Receive new churches.

5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6. Fill any vacancy in organization.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Adopt and follow report of Committees on Order of Business as to subjects and discussions.

9. Election of officers.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

AARON—W. W. Braswell, Mrs. Laura B. Price, W. F. Henderson.

BEECH MT.—John Trivett, Dudley Trivett, Hurst McGuire, Fred Jones.

BELVIEW—Boyd Nicely, Frank McKinney, Arnold Ollis.

BIG MEADOWS—Mrs. J. L. Pyatte, Carl Pyatte, Mrs. Lawrence Carpenter.

CHESTNUT DALE—Mrs. B. R. Farmer, Mrs. Rosie Johnson, Mrs. Eula Hoffman, Mrs. R. W. Sluder.

CRANBERRY—Mrs. E. L. McCurry, Mr. E. L. McCurry, Miss Johnnie Nicely, Brown Ollis.

CROSSNORE—Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. Iva Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Vance, Miss Geneva Mohr.

ELK PARK—John Whaley, Mrs. Gus Bowers, Mrs. Claude Isaacs.

ELK VALLEY—J. A. Norman, Luther Riddle, Steward Blair.

FALL CREEK—T. B. Gryder, Clay McGuire, Arlie Parlier, Junior Smith.

FLAT SPRINGS—Monroe Dugger, W. R. Trivett, Cleo Jones, Don Green.

GREEN VALLEY—R. L. Hall, Mrs. R. L. Hall, Jake Davis.

HEATON—Mrs. Joe Cannon, Mrs. Grace Oaks, Mrs. Harley Cannon.

HENSON CREEK—Arl Green, Paul Delinger.

JONAS RIDGE—Mrs. Nellie Shell, Tom Moody, J. D. Clark.

LONG RIDGE—Green Buchanan, Coy Woodie, Ronald Woodie.

MINNEAPOLIS—W. W. Pyatte, Mrs. Jeff Pyatte, R. T. Lewis.

MT. PLEASANT—Mrs. O. C. Thompson, Bert Johnson, Mitch Burleson, Harrison Horney, Jr.

NEWLAND—J. W. Costner, Mrs. Ella Lecky, Mrs. Cling Daniels, S. C. Braswell, F. W. Gaines.

OAK GROVE—A. J. Ledford, C. H. New, John Taylor.

PINEOLA—Jessie Buchanan, Mrs. Jeff Buchanan, Mrs. Iva Vance.

PLEASANT HILL—Lawrence Ollis, Mrs. Matt Buchanan, Ed. W. Buchanan, Mrs. Mary Pritchard.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Walter Hicks, Clarence Guinn, Roy Hegie.

POWDERMILL—Taylor Buchanan, Mrs. Julie Buchanan.

ROARING CREEK—Clifford King, Ersell Young, Jack Hughs.

YELLOW MT.—Vester Stafford, Robbie Burleson.

PROCEEDINGS—FIRST DAY

The Association was called to order by singing "How Firm A Foundation." The devotion was conducted by Rev. Ira Hodge who read a scripture lesson and commented on the same. Rev. Earl Carver led in prayer. K. L. Haga moved that the printed program be adopted and the motion was carried.

The following visitors were recognized and seated in the body: Rev. D. T. Edmoston, Rev. Astor Buchanan, Rev. Bruce Buchanan, Rev. Mack Hodges, Rev. J. W. Whitaker and Rev. Bob Campbell.

On motion, the Constitution was amended to include the clerk and treasurer in article eight at which time K. L. Haga and R. T. Teague made a talk in reference to electing the officer and for the good of the association.

At the request of the Moderator, K. L. Haga occupied the chair as Moderator in electing officers. Prayer was led by J. W. Costner. A motion was made that the Moderator be elected by secret ballot and the motion was carried. The floor was open for nominations and R. T. Lewis nominated Rev. D. N. Jones, J. W. Costner nominated V. W. Greene, and the nominations were then closed and the motion carried to consider the second highest vote as Vice-Moderator. Ballots were taken and counted resulting in the election of V. W. Greene by the majority which was made unanimous, and D. N. Jones was declared Vice-Moderator as second highest count in the ballot vote. The motion was made and seconded that D. Buchanan be retained as Clerk. The nominations ceased and the motion carried by the sign of the uplifted hand.

On motion by R. T. Lewis, Rev. Jeff Pyatte was elected Treasurer.

It was moved by J. W. Costner and seconded that the clerk be paid $8.00 for last year's service and that he be paid $20.00 for his services. Motion carried.

Also K. L. Haga was duly elected historian.

R. T. Teague and R. T. Lewis were elected as executive committee.

Singing by the choir. Prayer led by Rev. Mack Hodge. Annual sermon was delivered by Rev. R. L. Painter. Text was the 12th chapter of Romans. Roll Call of churches was read. Twenty-five churches were represented. Willie Smith led in prayer. Collection was taken to pay for printing the program that cost $7.40. Amount of collection was $13.64. There was $6.24 left to go to the general fund.

Dismissed for noon hour by D. M. Edmoston.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY

Service opened with the singing of "Standing On The Promises." The Devotional Service was conducted by Rev. Mack Hodge from the 22nd chapter of Proverbs after which the Moderator called the body to order for transaction of business. A motion was adopted that all pastors of the Avery Association be members of the executive committee and that they meet at Newland on the second Monday of each month at ten o'clock.

Report on Education was read by J. W. Costner and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

"Christian Education

A Christian is a professor of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Education is the act, process or result of educating: the systematic training of the moral and intellectual faculties.

One cannot be thoroughly educated without a fair knowledge of God, who in the very beginning of time "brooded over the face of the deep, and divided waters from the waters." To be a Christian, one must know the Lord Jesus Christ as his or her personal Saviour.

North Carolina Baptists have a glorious record of educating men and women in our Christian Colleges. No boy or girl will make a serious mistake in selecting either of ours for the training that college offers, that is under the Baptist State Convention as follows: Wake Forest, Meredith, Campbell, Mars Hill and Gardner-Webb. Also Wingate College that is owned by Cabarrus and Mecklenburg Associations.

Perhaps the greatest challenge ever to face North Carolina Baptists is right now. The North Carolina Baptist Convention has accepted the offer from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to move Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem where the Medical Department is already located on the same grounds of our Baptist Hospital. If every member of our Baptist Churches would only take time to study the plan and the location, I feel that we would be virtually unanimous in our decision to build at an early date, and in making a liberal contribution to that end.

Study the glorious history of Wake Forest. She has given the best in leadership in every profession and vocation. See the now 259 Baptist Pastors, and many who have gone to their Eternal Home. Also Assistant Pastors, Missionaries in various places of the world, Governors, Senators, Congressmen, Judges, Solicitors, Physicians, Dentists, Lawyers, College and University Presidents, State Superintendents of Education- Teachers of accredited High School, Teachers, Postmasters, Denominational Leaders and business men in every vocation of life in our great commonwealth.

After years of successful training, God is opening to Baptists a door that hundreds have longed and prayed for; that of giving more boys and girls an opportunity to enter the doors at Wake Forest College. The New Wake Forest can accommodate 2000 students each year.

If we are to take our place in helping God build a better world for tomorrow, we must do our part in helping with the calls of today.

The Baptist Convention of North Carolina was very fortunate and wise in the selection of Mr. Horace B. Easom, former educational director in the First Baptist Churches of Asheville, Dallas, Texas and Shelby to lead us in this drive. Mr. Easom is one of the greatest Christians I have ever known. He is highly capable and consecrated. By the help of God and our help, he will lead us in giving to the future generations a chance to better prepare in this great business of serving Him who made and owns the World and all that was made by Him.

Respectfully,
J. W. Costner.

It was moved and carried that Rev. Jeff Pyatte be appointed Sunday School missionary for the Avery Association. He accepted.

Report on B. T. U. was read by Mrs. Bessie Price and it was adopted.

B. T. U. REPORT

Scripture: II Timothy 2:15.

The Command is given in James 1:22, "Be ye doers of the word, not hearers only." The Training Union gives us an opportunity to put this command into practice.

On Nov. 8, 1946 the Associational Director for Avery County attended the Training Union Clinic at Morganton. There was only one Training Union organized which was at Newland, at that time. During the following months Unions were organized at the Montezuma, Pleasant Hill and Crossnore Churches. Nine delegates from this county attended the Regional Convention of the B. T. U. at Marion, April 18, 1947.

A county wide Training Union Rally was held at the Aaron Baptist Church May 25. Rev. Newton from the State Department and Miss Floryne Miller, Missionary to Japan and China, were guest speakers. A missionary play was given by the Young People of the Aaron Church.

With the Lord's help we hope to go forward with the Training Union work in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. M. Lecka,
Mrs. Bessie Price.

Report on W. M. U. was submitted by Miss Edith Cardwell, discussed by her, and adopted.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

"Go ye . . . and make disciples of all the nations"—Matthew 28:19.

It has been truly said that "World evangelization began in the heart of God." Jesus was the first missionary to begin the work of making disciples of all nations. To us he calls down through the ages of waiting men and women to "Go"!

If we as a people are able to mobilize our forces at the command of our earthly governmental agencies to strike out in military force . . . how very much more should we seek to unite in solid cooperation under the marching orders of our GREAT Redeemer, Creator, and Guide . . . to make the world "Safe for His Kingdom."

Last year the Avery Association of the *Missionary* Baptist Church was able to report only two churches with any Missionary Organizations—Newland and Elk Park. This year we are proud of our newest organized Women's Missionary Society at Bellview Church as she is added to make the number three.

Many people there are around us who need Him for their Savior. Shall we open our ears to the call . . . "Go Ye" . . .? Surely that means you! YOU!

This year in April when we met for our Associational meeting we elected the following officers for 1947:

Associate Superintendent: Mrs. R. T. Teague.
Young People's Leader: Mrs. Gus Bowers.
Royal Ambassadors Counselor: Mrs. John Morgan.
Mission Study Chairman: Mrs. Beatrice Banner.
Community Missions Chairman: Mrs. Ralph Brown.
Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. E. L. McCurry.
Training School Chairman: Mrs. Emmett Gouge.
Margaret Fund Chairman: Mrs. R. N. Cardwell.
Literature Chairman: Mrs. Ed. Mast.
Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Claude Isaacs.

Edith Cardwell, Superintendent.

Report on relief and annuity was read by V. W. Greene and by motion was adopted.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY

It can no longer be said that "the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." Especially with reference to caring for their aged and infirmed in the service of the Lord as Pastors and workers. The Pastor can also provide insurance for his Widow when he is no longer here in the flesh.

Pastors need not hesitate to ask the Church or churches to join them in providing this income when he is no longer able to serve Churches due to old age or physical handicaps. They will not only be willing, but anxious to do their part to care for God's servants in the event they reach the retirement age. The plan calls for the pastor to pay 4% of his salary and the Church to pay the equivalent of 4% of the salary. The Pastor can't lose. He can withdraw the amount he has paid in at any time he should leave the ministry or cease to be a Pastor while he is still physically able.

In North Carolina, last Convention year, the Relief Department had the following Beneficiaries: Ministers, 45; Widows, 77. These 122 were paid $14,748.00 by the Board.

The writer of this report lovingly urges each Church to go back home and see that your Church joins with the Pastor in providing for this relief when the days of old age and disability overtake the called men of God.

Respectfully submitted,
V. W. Greene,
T. B. Gryder.

Periodicals report was submitted by R. L. Painter and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Our denomination has a paper whose purpose is to inform us what is being done over the state. It is the Biblical Recorder. It would be of great help to our people to know what is going on.

We recommend that all pastors encourage our people to take this paper. Also, the orphanage publishes *Charity and Children.* It is a wonderful paper. We heartily recommend it to our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Roby L. Painter.

Singing by the association after which Horace Easom discussed the reports that had just been read especially on Christian Education and the expansion of Wake Forest College in a stirring speech. Further discussions by R. T. Teague and a motion by him that this association shall recommend that the churches pay in three years, $3000.00 for this cause. With prayer by Frank Brown the meeting adjourned until 9:30 a. m. the next day.

PROCEEDINGS OF SECOND DAY'S

SESSION AUGUST 22

Song service. Devotional conducted by Rev. Frank Brown. Scripture lesson from Matthew 28:19. Prayer led by Rev. R. L. Painter.

On motion that the program be changed and that Rev. E. L. Spivey speak on missions, orphanage, and the Christian progress in general . . . K. L. Haga spoke on orphanages. Ira Hodges was elected to write the report in the absence of Dewey Gouge and in absence of J. C. Brown, a substitute was elected to write the report on missions.

MISSIONS

For the first six months of 1947, twenty one of the twenty seven churches in Avery Association paid to missions $745.58, according to Biblical Recorder.

Three churches, Cranberry, Elk Park and Newland, paid $451.23 of the above amount. Six churches, Aaron, Chestnutdale, Henson Creek, Mount Pleasant, Roaring Creek and Yellow Mountain, paid nothing.

When, oh when will we wake up to the urgent call for Missions?

R. T. Teague.

On motion, K. L. Haga was made orphanage representative for next year. Report on Hospitals was read by K. L. Haga. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

The work of our Baptist Hospital is well known for its saving of human life and the relief of the suffering.

With its ever expanding facilities, its efficient staff of Physicians and nurses, its careful consideration of all our people in need, it justly merits our support.

We, your committee recommend that every church in the Association give generously during the coming year, through Mothers' Day offerings, collections and special gifts for the support of this worthy institution.

K. L. Haga, Chairman,
J. A. Ledford,
L. L. Cook.

"Hospitals" was discussed by Dr. C. C. Carpenter, a representative of the Baptist Hospital. Mrs. C. M. Leckey was elected Hospital representative.

Report on time and place was read and adopted.

TIME, PLACE

We, the committee for time and place, recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Powdermill Baptist church on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1948 and that Rev. D. N. Jones preach the introduction sermon and J. W. Costner alternate.

Vester Stafford,
Julius Ollis.

Dismissed in prayer by J. W. Costner for noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY

Opened by singing a number of songs. Association called to order by the moderator. Prayer led by Rev. Spencer McCloud. Devotional conducted by Rev. Jeff Pyatte, taken from the tenth chapter of Romans.

The following business was transacted:

On motion, the committees on orphanage, missions and stewardship, were directed to write and mail the reports to the clerk.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

We are indeed proud of the fact that the Baptists of North Carolina are caring well for the orphan children at both the Kennedy Home, and Mills Home. We are also proud of the fact that our Baptist churches in the Avery Association are increasing year by year their contributions to the support of these institutions.

We rejoice in the fact that those in charge, and those in direct touch with the children are men and women of strong Christian character.

We recommend that all our Sunday Schools take a monthly offering for the orphanage work or if the church is operating their finances on a budget plan, to send in monthly payments.

That all our Sunday Schools place a copy of *Charity and Children* in each Baptist home represented in the membership of the church.

That a special Thanksgiving offering be made, urging each person to contribute at least one day's income to be sent in prior to Thanksgiving Day.

That each church appoint some member of the church to be official Orphanage Representative to work with the Associational Orphanage Representative in all interests of the work, such as monthly collections, special collections, securing donations of canned goods and produce, and distributing copies of *Charity and Children.*

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. Haga, Chairman.

The motion was adopted that the Sunday School minutes be printed in the Associational Minutes.

The representative of the Baptist Orphanage, Mr. James H. Honeycutt, arrived and was recognized and told the association a lot about the orphanage institution.

Report on Temperance was read by Ed. Buchanan; the report was adopted and discussed by Mr. Buchanan, D. N. Jones, R. T. Teague, R. T. Lewis, S. C. Braswell, K. L. Haga.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, the committee on temperance, wish to submit the following: Temperance is a fundamental doctrine and practice among Christians. Intemperance is the mightiest weapon the devil has to destroy our influence.

Proverbs 20:1: Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Prov. 23:21: For the drunkard and glutton shall come to poverty and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rage.

Prov. 23:31, 32: Look not thou upon the wine when it is red. When it giveth his color in the cup. When it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

Matt. 24:48, 51: But and if that live servant shall say in his heart my lord delayeth his coming and shall begin to smite his fellow servant and to eat and drink with the drunken the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him and in an hour that he is not aware of and shall cut him asunder and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What do we lose by strong drink? We lose not only in character, but in manhood and womanhood, in civilization, and in money.

Spencer McCloud,
Ed. W. Buchanan.

On motion that committee be appointed to confer with county authorities and other denominations to vote intoxicants out of Avery County. Committee was appointed as follows: R. T. Lewis, K. L. Haga, and R. T. Teague.

Report on obituaries was read by D. Buchanan and adopted.

Prayer was led by K. L. Haga.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, your committee, find that this year we have lost from the ranks, the following twenty-five Brothers and Sisters:

Deacon Waits Ollis, Mrs. Sallie Trivett, Tom McKinney, Clint Poe, Ralph Hagie, Edward Hughs, Mrs. Pearl Ollis, L. W. McGuire, Conley Phillips, Lou McGuire, Mrs. May Storie, Mrs. Julia Jones, Mrs. Jane Burleson, Mrs. J. B. Martin, Harrison Caliway, Mrs. Albert Caliway, Mrs. Hattie Benfield, Miss Nassie Wiseman, Mrs. Ollie Thomas, Harold Vance, Mrs. Annie McCloud, J. R. Hagie, Mrs. Dora Gwyn, Delbert Holtzclaw, Miss Frances J. Franklin.

Sincerely submitted,

D. Buchanan.

Report on resolutions was read by K. L. Haga and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED:

That we express our sincere thanks to the pastor and people of the Cranberry Baptist Church and community for their fine entertainment and hospitality shown the messengers and visitors during this meeting.

That we express our gratitude to our retiring Moderator, to our Clerk, Treasurer and all our officers for carrying forward the administrative work of the Association.

That we show our appreciation for all our representative speakers who appeared on our program by going back to our churches to engage in a more progressive program in carrying forward the Kingdom Work.

Respectfully submitted,
K. L. Haga, Chairman,
Ira Hodge,
Astor Buchanan.

The report of the Treasurer was submitted by Jeff Pyatte and adopted by the body.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I hereby submit the following report:

Balance on hand, 1946	$182.79
Special collections, 1946	35.57
Total 1946 receipts	$218.36
Received from churches, 1947	92.75
Total account	$214.54

Jeff Pyatte, Treasurer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ARE PASTORS

J. C. Brown	Cranberry
Spencer McCloud	Cranberry
Clarence Buchanan	Toecane
Mack Hodge	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Earl Carver	Heaton
Ned Hughes	Spruce Pine
Victor Trivett	Butler, Tenn.
Wiley Smith	Boone
Lawrence Hegeman	Beech Creek
Ira Hodges	Banner Elk
L. L. Estop	Whaley
J. W. Costner	Newland
William Brown	Blowing Rock
V. W. Greene	Pineola
Deyton Jones	Heaton
Roby Painter	Balm

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ARE NOT PASTORS

Jeff Pyatte	Minneapolis
W. A. Braswell	Montezuma
L. W. Suddeth	Montezuma
Gather Harmon	
Glen Gentry	Elk Park

C. A. Grey	Heaton
J. W. Woody	Whaley
L. W. Woody	Kalmia
E. Woody	Spruce Pine
Rubin Cook	Minneapolis
Jess Cook	Minneapolis
C. H. New	Newland
Joe Phillips	Pineola
Jake Ollis	Plumtree
C. M. Thomas	Valley
T. C. Hicks	Elk Park
Ham Hapsan	Valley

On motion by R. T. Teague, the associational meeting was adjourned with the singing of "I'm Going Home." Rev. D. N. Jones led the closing prayer.

Rev. V. W. Greene, Moderator,
D. Buchanan, Clerk.

AVERY COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Avery County Sunday School convention met with Crossnore Church on Friday, July 25th, at ten o'clock.

In the absence of the superintendent, Rev. K. L. Haga presided. Devotion was conducted by Bro. Haga from Corinthians 3. Rev. Jeff Pyatte led in prayer.

Roll of Sunday Schools and number of representatives.

Belview, 3 delegates; Big Meadow, 8 delegates; Crossnore, 8 delegates; Cranberry, 4 delegates; Green Valley, 1 delegate; Jonas Ridge, 5 delegates; Minneapolis, 5 delegates; Mt. Pleasant, 3 delegates; Pineola, 8 delegates; Pleasant Hill, 6 delegates; Pleasant Valley, 1 delegate; Yellow Mtn., 2 delegates.

Organization: Rev. Jeff Pyatte of Minneapolis was elected Co-Superintendent for the next year and Ed. W. Buchanan was elected secretary.

Visitors were recognized and Miss Rebecca Ward of the State S. S. Board reported on the Daily Vacation Bible School and also made an interesting address on missions.

Sermon by Rev. V. W. Greene. Theme: "I Love The Lord." Offering taken for general expense and received $9.08. Adjourned with prayer by Deacon J. H. Vance.

AFTERNOON

After a bountiful dinner served on church lawn the committee met at 1:30 P. M. Devotion was led by Mrs. C. M. Lecky of Newland.

Prayer by Rev. R. L. Painter. Report on time and place was read and adopted.

We recommend that the next session be held with Pleasant Hill on the last Friday in July, 1948.

W. W. Pyatte,
Mrs. Nellie Shell,
Mrs. Ira Vance.

An address by Rev. J. W. Costner of Newland.

Report on Resolutions read and adopted.

Report On Resolutions

We, the committee on resolutions, resolve that the entire audience express their gratitude to the Crossnore Baptist Church, by standing to their feet for the delicious meal served and the gracious hospitality shown to everyone.

That we endorse the various activities of Sunday School work, especially the Vacation Bible School, Training Union, Women's Missionary Union and other Sunday School helps.

We further resolve that we express our sincere gratitude to our retiring superintendent, Rev. Vivian Brown, for valuable services rendered and we recommend that Rev. Brown be reimbursed for expenses incurred in carrying on his activities as Associational Superintendent for past year.

B. H. Nicely, Chairman,
Jessie A. Gragg, Sec.,
Rev. Jeff Pyatte.

The Convention closed after the best session since before the war.

Rev. K. L. Haga, Presiding
Ed. W. Buchanan, Secretary.

HISTORICAL and STATISTICAL TABLES

Historical Table

A memorial service for N. C. Hampton and K. L. Haga

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powdermill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Bell View	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyatte
1946	Jonas Ridge	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Jeff Pyatte
1947	Cranberry	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Jeff Pyatte

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location: OC, V, T, C	Year Organized	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Dates of Meeting	Baptisms	By Letter	Other Additions	By Letter	By Death	Other Losses	Present Resident Membership	Non-resident Membership	Grand Total Present Membership	Are Weekly Prayer Meetings Held?	No. Revival Meetings Held	Spent on Building or Remodeling Last Year	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value of All Church Property	Total Debt on Church Property
Aaron	V			2 & 4	14				3				133	Yes	1			4000	
Big Meadows	OC		R. L. Painter, Balm	2	8	2		2	2	1			153	No	1			2000	
Bell View	OC	1922	D. N. Jones, Heaton	2 & 4	4	1		3			55	35	90	Yes	1	130		2000	
Beech Mt.	OC	1869	D. N. Jones, Heaton	1 & 3	2			3	2	1	140	71	211	No	1			2500	
Cranberry	V		Frank Brown, Cranberry	2 & 4	2	1		1	2		72	27	99	Yes	1	98		2000	
Chestnut Dale	OC	1915	L. L. Estep, Whaley	1 & 3	1		1						61	No	1			3000	
Crossnore	V		K. L. Haga, Newland	1 & 3	25	7		2	1		106	2	108	No	1				
Elk Valley	OC	1882	Victor Trivette, Trade, Tenn.		4	2		4	1				123	Yes	1			5000	
Elk Park	T		Wiley Smith, Boone	1 & 3	1	2		1			60	17	77	No		15		2000	
Fall Creek	OC	1385	D. N. Jones, Heaton	1 & 3	4	2		2	2	6			175	Yes	1			1000	
Flat Springs	OC	1902	Larance Hegeman, Beech Creek	2 & 4	17		1	7	3		169	39	208	Yes	1			1000	
Green Valley	OC	1886	Spencer McCloud, Cranberry	4	13	1		6			83	32	115	Yes	1			1500	
Henson Creek	OC	1900	Ned Hughs, Spruce Pine	1 & 3	8	1		1					84	No	1			1000	
Heaton	OC		Earl S. Carver, Heaton			2							15	No	1			400	
Jonas Ridge	OC	1886	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	1 & 3	16						85	56	141	No	1			2000	
Long Ridge	OC	1946			5								53	Yes	1				
Minneapolis	V		Frank Brown, Cranberry	2 & 4	5			1					123	No	1			1500	
Mt. Pleasant	OC	1869	Victor Trivette, Trade, Tenn.	4	2	1		1			67	40	107	No	1			3500	
Newland	T	1921	J. W. Costner, Newland	1-2-3-4	14	21	1	12	2		125	100	225	Yes	2	1200	4000	7000	
Oak Grove	OC		William Brown, Blowing Rock	3					1		48	50	98	No		249		1000	
Pineola	V	1925	V. W. Green, Pineola	1 & 3	1	2		10			72	17	89	No					
Pleasant Hill	OC		D. N. Jones, Heaton		17			1	2				294	Yes	1			3000	
Pleasant Valley	OC	1893	V. W. Green, Pineola	2 & 4	12				3		75	58	133	Yes	1	800		1200	500
Powdermill	OC	1914	Mack Hodge, Elizabethton, Tenn.	1 & 3	28				1				80	Yes	2	18		1500	
Roaring Creek	OC	1871						1			64	19	83	Yes				1400	
Yellow Mt.	OC		Clarence Buchanan, Toecane	2 & 4	6				2		76	32	108	Yes	1			5000	

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll—Home Ministry (3 Years and Under)	Nursery—Attending Sunday (3 Years and Under)	Beginners 4-5	Primaries 6-8	Juniors 9-12	Intermediates 13-16	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 Years and Up	Extension Department	Gen. & Departmental Officers Not Enrolled in S. S. Classes	Total Enrolment, Including All Officers, Teachers and Pupils	Average Attendance	Enrolment Vacation Bible School	What was the Average Attendance?
Aaron	Clyde Sudderth, Montezuma			15	12	20	7	12	18			84	55	44	40
Big Meadows	Don E. Carpenter, Three Mile			10	12	17	18	18	10				75	45	40
Bell View	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry		4	12	15	14	12	14	44		3	115	64	38	34
Beech Mt.	Dudley Trivette, Whaley			16	16	15	20	20	25		3	112	62	41	34
Cranberry	B. H. Nicely, Cranberry		14	20	20	39	32	31	44			200	80	69	56
Chestnutdale	Ecter Isaacs, Frank			5	10	10	10	5	20			60	50		
Crossnore	S. A. Burleson, Crossnore		22		17	30	30	30	31			160	85	41	16
Elk Valley	Stewart Blair, Banner Elk												60		
Elk Park	Claude Isaacs, Elk Park											80	60	82	61
Fall Creek	Herley Smith, Whaley			20	15	18		36	32				95		
Flat Springs	A. V. McGuire, Whaley			35		20	35	35	25		3	150	68		
Green Valley	Guy Pitman, Kalmia		8	14	12	13	10	16	20			120	50		
Henson Creek	Odell Burleson, Spear		6	8	9		16	10	18		6		50		
Heaton	Grace Oaks, Heaton			4	4	5	4	3	4			24			
Jonas Ridge	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge		11	7	17	19	22	14	22			112	50		
Long Ridge	Green Buchanan, Pineola			20		12	15	7	12			60			
Minneapolis	Jeff Pyatte, Minneapolis			14	16	13		19	28				45	27	25
Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Newland				16	12	12	15	20		2	75	60		
Newland	Frank Braswell, Newland		2	21	7	28	7	14	30			109	91	93	69
Oak Grove		9		4	14	15	7	8	21	2		100	26	29	26
Pineola	Jeff Buchanan, Pineola		10	10	8	10		7	10			90	45		
Pleasant Hill	Vivian Brown, Frank			10	15	14	18	40	30			135	100		
Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Elk Park		15	15	12	10	12	15	15				55		
Powdermill	George Watson, Senia			10		10	20		25				60		
Roaring Creek	Ershell Young, Valley			9	11	10	12	14	13				48		
Yellow Mt.	Claude Stafford, Plumtree			10	15	18	15	18	16			90	52		

TABLE IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	Number of Woman's Missionary Societies	Enrolled	Contributions
Bell View	Flossie Gouge, Cranberry	1	9	
Elk Park	Mrs. R. N. Cardwell, Elk Park	1	12	60
Newland	Mrs. R. L. Shirley, Newland	1	15	105

	TRAINING UNION DIRECTOR AND ADDRESS	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled
Aaron	Mrs. Marine Banner, Montezuma	30			
Big Meadows	Hobert Carpenter, Newland	10	15	25	60
Beech Mt	A. V. McClure, Whaley	25	12		37
Newland	R. F. Horney, Newland	20		15	35
Flat Springs	Mrs. Eula V. Lecka, Newland		10	8	18
Mt. Pleasant	Ray Ollis, Frank	47		20	67
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Truman Church, Heaton		18		18

TABLE VI. GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Incidentals—Janitor, Fuel, Water, Repairs, Insur., etc.	Asst. Pastor, Educational Director, Choir Leader, etc.	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Paid on Church Debt Out of Current Funds	Literature—Quarterlies, Church Paper, Song Books, etc.	Help for Local Poor	Minutes and Clerk of Association	Building Fund (Amount Given Associational Year)	Local Missions	Other Objects	Total Given for Local Church Work
Aaron	Mrs. L. W. Suddurth, Montezuma	198.23	58.50		32.53		59.22		5.00	195.30		12.97	561.75
Big Meadows	J. L. Pyatte, Pyatte	227.15	30.00		87.82		46.58	70.60	5.75				457.90
Bell View	Flossie Gouge, Cranberry	275.00	291.16	14.63	101.32		57.41	58.70	5.00			81.00	884.19
Beech Mt.	Truman Church, Heaton	423.68	42.48		82.83		53.05		15.00			157.64	774.68
Cranberry	Mrs. Earl Green, Cranberry	360.00	263.30		32.00		128.34	84.05	2.92			28.08	895.77
Chestnutdale	Silvester Hoffman, Frank	300.00	100.00		50.00		30.00	20.00	1.00	226.00			726.00
Crossnore	Mrs. O. B. Williams, Pineola	291.98	158.28		103.71		50.82	44.30	5.00			13.00	567.26
Elk Valley		380.19	67.00		80.00		40.00	85.00	3.00				652.19
Elk Park	Clarance Caroll, Elk Park	380.00	104.16		5.00		49.91	127.35	3.00		1.00		670.42
Fall Creek	Beulah Dugger, Heaton	543.58	88.05	25.00	158.85		32.41		5.00	451.15			1299.04
Flat Springs	A. V. McGuire, Whaley	199.94			95.30		31.00	8.53	3.00				335.77
Green Valley	Jake Davis, Ingalls	385.26	221.45		72.67		67.60		3.00		12.00	70.00	831.03
Henson Creek	Arnold Green, Spear	371.83	10.00		90.00		28.00	30.00	2.00				527.83
Heaton	Grace Oaks, Heaton	50.00	15.00		15.00		6.00		1.00				87.00
Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell, Jonas Ridge	416.69	21.26		66.09		35.49	33.16	7.00	563.49		84.59	1227.79
Long Ridge	Orpha Webb, Pineola	132.96						340.00	3.00		10.00		513.61
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis	314.53	26.48	59.19	75.00		30.37	39.84	5.00		71.00		622.85
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. R. T. Horney, Newland	325.00	46.00		153.43		50.00	225.00	3.00			60.00	862.43
Newland	Finley Banner, Newland	1420.00	1212.13		247.50		151.19	8.00		873.05		284.50	4416.37
Oak Grove	J. M. Taylor, Newland	149.00	15.30	9.85	109.60		54.26	75.00	5.00	129.25		81.49	628.75
Pineola	Wade Vance, Pineola	169.41	100.00		107.52	22.00	40.00	15.00	5.00				453.93
Pleasant Hill	Luther Ollis, Frank	685.91	134.81		205.37		56.00	68.15	10.00				1160.25
Pleasant Valley	Boyd Hicks, Elk Park	125.00	25.00		30.00		24.20						204.20
Powdermill	T. J. Green, Senia	493.28					89.46		2.00	12.80			679.51
Roaring Creek	Ershell Young, Valley	48.08	20.00				16.00	40.00	3.00				114.00
Yellow Mt.	T. J. Green, Spear	265.91	68.99	28.00	74.55		30.50	21.48	3.00			8.25	500.67

TABLE VII. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Gifts to Co-operative Program or Unified Budget	Designated to Associational Missions	Designated to State Missions	Designated to Home Missions	Designated to Foreign Missions	Orphanages (Cash and Est. Value of Mdse., Clothing, etc.)	Designated to Hospitals	Designated to Red Cross and Foreign Relief	Relief and Annuity, Other Objects	Grand Total of All Contributions for All Purposes
Aaron	T. E. Pritchard, Montezuma	47.80			22.67		39.07	17.00			126.54
Big Meadows	Mrs. Larance Carpenter, Three Mile					3.15	61.98	19.15			74.28
Bell View	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry	6.00			2.50	2.50	60.00	15.00		6.00	92.00
Beech Mt.	Mrs. Truman Church, Heaton	5.70		21.98	22.00	22.00	194.18	23.98	11.98		301.02
Cranberry	Miss Johnnie B. Nicely, Cranberry	10.00			25.00	25.00	25.00	40.00		20.00	145.00
Chestnutdale	R. L. Sluder, Frank								10.00		10.00
Crossnore	Mrs. Geneva Mohr, Crossnore			17.70		47.70	69.40	9.27			144.07
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk						15.00	10.00			25.00
Elk Park	Mrs. R. M. Cardwell, Elk Park	35.63				25.00	125.01	25.00	5.00		215.64
Fall Creek	J. L. Morris, Heaton						57.76	13.50	25.00		95.26
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek			6.14		25.16	38.26	5.00			75.26
Green Valley	Kelley Ollis, Kalmia	5.00			18.05		30.00	15.00			68.05
Henson Creek	Mrs. Stella Delinger, Spear										
Heaton	Ben Grear, Heaton						1.50	1.40			2.90
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie Shell, Jonas Ridge						83.00	17.00			100.00
Long Ridge	Ronald Woody, Jonas Ridge										
Minneapolis	Mrs. Jeff Pyatte, Minneapolis	20.00		5.00	5.00	10.00	64.52	25.00			129.52
Mt. Pleasant	L. W. Freeman, Newland						40.66	12.00			52.66
Newland	Mrs. J. W. Costner, Newland	267.80	13.76	40.00	42.00	60.00	10.00	100.00	20.00	62.40	717.06
Oak Grove	Mrs. Vonnie Taylor, Newland	28.00					10.00	20.00	25.00		83.00
Pineola	Mrs. Edna Moir, Pineola	37.87				34.45		35.98	8.48		112.78
Pleasant Hill	Noodtide Ollis, Frank			15.82		13.60	116.09	25.00			170.51
Pleasant Valley	Robert Hicks, Elk Park				.64	1.36	3.00	3.05			8.05
Powdermill	T. J. Green, Senia							15.00			15.00
Roaring Creek	Mrs. Evia Hughs, Valley										
Yellow Mt.	T. J. Green, Spear						14.52				14.52

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COMMITTEES FOR 1949

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Program	D. N. Jones and the Associational Officers
Sunday Schools	Jeff Pyatte
B. T. U.	Mrs. Kyle Banner, Robert Knox
W. M. U.	Edith Caldwell
Periodicals	Mrs. C. M. Lecka
Education	S. C. Braswell
Missions	V. W. Greene
Stewardship	R. L. Painter
Obituaries	Dorothy Daniels, J. H. Vance
Hospitals	J. W. Costner
Orphanage	K. L. Haga
State of Churches	R. T. Lewis
Relief and Annuity	V. W. Greene
Finance	Jeff Pyatte, Ed Buchanan
Pastoral Support	Roy McGuire
County Missions	K. L. Haga

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art 2 The objects shall be to advise and recommend measures to churches connected with this body, and all ordained Ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members and under shall be entitled to THREE Delegates, and for every additional fifty members or major fraction an additional Delegate.

Objects

Art 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Powers and Prerogatives

Art 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connections with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Art 8. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian and an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Association and two laymen elected by the Association, all of whom shall be elected immediately after the church letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session of the Association.

Duties of the Officers

Art 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator, Treasurer and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No persons shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.

2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.

3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.

4. Receive new churches.

5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6. Fill any vacancy in organization.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Adopt and follow report of Committees on Order of Business as to subjects and discussions.

9. Election of officers.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

AARON—Maxine Banner, Bessie Price, W. F. Henderson

BIG MEADOW—Don Carpenter, Bessie Carpenter, Laura Pyatte

BELVIEW—Lusk Henson, A. D. Ollis, Mrs. Dewey Gouge

BEECH MT.—Dave Trivette, Tom Cook, Max McGuire

CRANBERRY—Brown Ollis,

CHESTNUT DALE—Geter Isaac, Hughes Lewis, Eula Hoffman

CROSSNORE—J. H. Vance, S. A. Burleson, Mrs. Florence Bishop, Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Kenneth Johnson

ELK VALLEY—Luther Riddle, Stuart Blair, Ed. Hodgers, H. M. Hioney

ELK PARK—R. N. Cardwell

FALL CREEK—T. B. Gryder, and Mrs. T. B. Gryder

FAIRVIEW—Creed Woody, Dewey Hughes, Avery Hoilman

FLAT SPRINGS—A. V. McGuire, Don Greene, J. M. Harmon, Claude Greene

GREEN VALLEY—Mrs. Homer Grindstaff, Grace Hall, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hall

HENSON CREEK—Clayte Buchanan, Homer Burleson

JONAS RIDGE—Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Shell, Nellie Shell

LONG RIDGE—Alfred Woody, Green Buchanan

MINNEAPOLIS—R. T. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pyatte, Bonnie & Buelah Buchanan

MT. PLEASANT—Hazel Carpenter, Dorothy Daniels

NEWLAND—Mrs. C. M. Lecka, F. W. Gaines, S. C. Braswell, R. T. Teague

OAK GROVE—J. A. Ledford, John Taylor, Vonnie Taylor

PINEOLA—J. G. Buchanan, Mrs. Ira Vance, Mrs. Roger Franklin

PLEASANT HILL—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ollis, W. B. Ollis, Will Greene, Elsie Brown, Ida Buchanan, D. J. English

PLEASANT VALLEY:—Walter Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Isaacs

POWDERMILL—George Watson, Howard Thomas, Burnie Staton, Joe Cantrell

ROARING CREEK—Guy Blair, Clayton Hughes, Laura King, Clifford King, Choda Hughes

YELLOW MTN.—James Teem, Roby Burleson, Mrs. James Teem

PROCEEDINGS—FIRST DAY

The Avery County Baptist Association met in its Thirty-Seventh Annual Session with Powdermill Church. The meeting was called to order by Moderator V. W. Greene. The singing was led by Taylor Buchanan. Rev. Mack Hodges conducted the devotion, using as text, the fifth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew. The devotional period was closed with prayer by R. L. Painter.

There was a Roll Call of Churches and all were represented except Heaton Church.

The program was read by the Moderator and adopted by the members of the association.

The visitors and corresponding brethern were recognized and those present were Rev. Frank Parsons of Mitchell County and A. G. Brooks, Ben Wood, Ernest Canipe, and A. D. Lail; the latter four being new pastors.

A committee on the State of Churches was appointed to wit: R. L. Painter, R. T. Lewis, Ed. Buchanan. Another committee on time and place was appointed: J. H. Vance, Dorothy Daniels, A. V. Mc Guire. The committee on resolutions is Mrs. C. M. Leaka, Grace Hall, Vonnie Taylor. An Offering was taken to defray the expense of printed programs amounting to $13.29. The bill was only $3.50. The balance is to be put in the regular fund.

There was an election of officers for the next term as listed. Mr. R. L. Painter presided during the nomination and election of officers.

D. N. Jones was elected Moderator

V. W. Greene was elected Vice Moderator

K. L. Haga was elected Field Secretary and Historian

Ed. W. Buchanan was elected Clerk

Jeff Pyatte was elected treasurer

J. H. Vance and W. F. Henderson was elected as the Executive Committee

The Congregation sang a hymn, "How Firm A Foundation" and the annual sermon was preached by Rev. D. N. Jones. He used the tenth verse of the second chapter of Ephesians as the scripture basis of his message. Rev. Mack Hodges led in prayer after the scripture reading and the benediction was led by Brother Jones.

The congregation pledged their effort to try to carry out the essence of the minister's sermon.

The session was adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY

After a bountiful dinner, the congregation reconvened at 1:30 P. M. and opened their afternoon session with music by the local choir in the absence of Bro. D. Buchanan who was called away on account of illness. Ed. W. Buchanan was elected clerk and was requested to take office immediately instead of waiting until the end of the term.

R. L. Painter conducted a devotion using as his theme the twenty third verse of the second chapter of John. Astor Buchanan led the closing prayer.

Discussion began on the following subjects in order. Education was discussed by Bro. Ben Fisher from Gardener-Webb College.

EDUCATION REPORT

It is quite evident that one of our great needs in the Avery Association is a better understanding and knowledge of our Baptist schools and colleges and what they are doing for the young men and women who go to them for training. Every Baptist high school senior in the coming year should be furnished with catalogues and literature concerning our Baptist schools. Every returned Veteran who can enter one of our schools and receive training under the G. I. Bill of Rights ought to take advantage of their opportunities. All our pastors and their churches should be alert to the opportunity of seeking out and urging our young men and women to go to college in some of our Baptist institutions.

We greatly appreciated the presence of Claude F. Gaddy Chairman of our Council on Education at our session of the Baptist Association and the helpful information he dispensed while among us. We must give greater emphasis to this matter in all our churches.

W. W. Braswell.

Missions was discussed by Bro. M. A. Huggins, our State Secretary. It was a wonderful message and was greatly enjoyed by all present. Further discussion on Missions was led by Brother Truesdale and his wife, former missionaries to China.

Temperance was discussed by R. T. Lewis and M. A. Huggins. This discussion was voted to be continued the next day.

The meeting adjourned with a benedictory prayer by Rev. D. N. Jones.

EVENING SESSION 7:30

Rev. Astor Buchanan preached a wonderful sermon to a large congregation.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY

The Association met at 9:30 and the meeting was begun with music led by Taylor Buchanan. A. G. Brooks led the devotion and E. S. Morgan led in prayer. The visitors were recognized: E. S. Morgan of the Orphanage, Claude Gaddy of Wake Forest, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Carpenter, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, Raleigh. Report on State of the Churches was read by R. T. Lewis, discussed by R. L. Painter and adopted by those present.

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES

Twenty-six Churches reported. One church not reported. Net gain in membership 199; Total Membership 2861; Total Financial Expenses $380.31; Total contribution per member $13.35.

We have no previous record on State of Churches but evidently there has been great improvements financially and otherwise from previous years.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. Lewis
R. L. Painter

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Jeff Pyatt. On a motion by K. L. Haga, Mr. Pyatte was confirmed as County Sunday School Superintendent. On Motion the Sunday School Minutes are to be printed along with the Associational Minutes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

In the past Associational year I have visited two-thirds of the churches in Avery County, and find a majority of those visited eager to improve the Sunday School work and interest in Vacation Bible School. However, there is still a lot to be done in this phase of the church work if we are to reach our Young People, lead them to Christ and train them in the ever-growing work of the Master. I should like to request the aid and cooperation of every responsible person in each Church to assist me in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Jeff Pyatt

Brother K. L. Haga concluded the discussion on Temperance and a rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Haga, V. M. Greene, R. T. Lewis, and Rev. T. W. Clapp for their work in securing the Beer Election Rise. T. W. Clapp came in and was recognized, and made a fine talk on the Temperance Issue.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

The last General Assembly of North Carolina passed a law to give the people of all the counties of North Carolina the privilege on certain conditions to vote on the question of legal sales of wine and beer. The citizens of Avery County have tried to comply with the requirements of the law, but so far they have been deprived of an opportunity to vote by the breweries and their attorneys. We condemn such underhanded procedure and ask the legislature when it convenes to simplify the law so as to allow an election to be held at any time on petition of fifteen per cent of the registered voters.

We also ask the next legislature to give the people of the State a vote on whether or not they are in favor of legalizing the sale of intoxicants of any kind.

Respectfully,

R. T. Lewis

Mrs. Bessie Price made a report on the Training Union and after discussion the report was adopted.

B. T. U. REPORT

Scripture: II Timothy 2:15

Never before in history has it been more urgent that each Christian be armed with the power of God's word. A constant study of the Bible coupled with earnest and faithful witnessing for Christ helps each child of God to grow spiritually and become more powerful in this great kingdom work.

The Training Union of the Baptist church affords the opportunity needed through which both Young and Adult Christians may prepare themselves for more effective witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ. As Soldiers of the Cross let us train for service in this great army of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Eula V. Lecka
Mrs. Laura B. Price

Mrs. Kyle Banner was elected the Associational Training Union Director and her associate is Robert Knox.

Mrs. Leaka's report on W. M. U. was read by her and adopted.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

We take from Phillipians 2:10 our Watchword for the year:

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow."

What a glorious Association we would have if we could make this the real Watchword of our whole Association. Certainly that is the aim and purpose of our whole work here and everywhere.

For this past year in the Avery Association the Woman's Missionary Union, we believe, has become strengthened; and we know that it has grown somewhat.

Now we have organizations in the following churches:

Newland—Woman's Misionary Society
Elk Park—Woman's Missionary Society; two Girl's Auxiliaries.
Belview—Woman's Missionary Society; a Sunbeam Band.
Elk Valley—Woman's Missionary Society; a Sunbeam Band.

We are glad to say that Elk Valley has been organized since last year and has been working for almost a year. We are very encouraged with the work they are doing there. We are hoping that Crossnore is now fully organized and that this quarter they will be added to our number. It is with assurance that we tell you that a really working Woman's Missionary Union can strengthen and inspire your church to fulfill its purpose. We are looking forward to further progress during the coming year.

At our Associational Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union at Elk Park on June 7, 1948, there were representatives from the following churches: Aaron, Belview, Cranberry, Crossnore, Elk Park, Minneapolis, Newland, and Pineola. The following officers were elected for 1948-1949:

Associate Superintendent, Mrs. Bruce Daniels
Young People's Director, Mrs. Gus F. Powers.
Royal Ambassador Counselor, Mrs. Emmett Gouge
Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Costner
Community Missions Chairman, Mrs. C. M. Lecka
Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. Frank Angel
Training School Chairman, Mrs. Dallas Hopkins
Margaret Fund Chairman, Mrs. Julius Ollis
Literature Chairman, Mrs. R. E. Truesdale, Sr.
Recording Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. Claude Isaacs
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Calloway.

Edith Cardwell, Associational Superintendent

Bro. L. L. Carpenter made an address on Periodicals and in the interest of the Biblical Recorder.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

It is quite certain that people in Baptist homes are reading something. The important question is this: What are they reading? We cannot know exactly, but we do know enough to declare that if we know the facts we would be disturbed, unless we have grown so callus that nothing can disturb us. There are in North Carolina about 125,000 Baptist families; and the pity is that perhaps 75,000 of these families never see the Biblical Recorder. How can we expect the people to be interested in the Baptist program? The total circulation of the Recorder is 44,085.

In addition to information about Baptist work the Recorder carries week by week significant articles dealing with the great issues of life. We recommend that our people read the Recorder, Charity and Children and The Commission.

R. T. Teague
S. C. Braswell

Dr. W. K. McGee of the Hospital was recognized and gave an interesting review of the hospital work.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITALS

The prayers and support of our Baptist membership is making possible the development of our hospital into one of the nation's really great hospitals. It is now serving the people from all over the state of North Carolina. During the past year 67 cases from Avery county were admitted to this institution. Their praise of the kind personal attention and medical care received is most commendable. The religious department of the institution is doing a marvelous work in directing the religious lives of the employees and students as well as their daily visits with the patients and contacts with their ministers and families.

We must do more through our Mother's Day offerings in the coming year to assist with the growing needs of the Hospital. The following report of our churches during the past year is as follows; Aaron $33.; Belview $16.; Big Meadows, $23.09; Beech Mountain, $5.35; Crossnore, $25.65; Chestnutdale, $5.; Cranberry, $40.; Elk Park, $29.; Elk Valley, $22.60; Flat Springs, $11.31; Fall Creek, $7.20; Fairview, $15.; Green Valley, $15.; Henson Creek $00.00; Heaton, $00.00; Jonas Ridge, $16.50; Minneapolis, 24.92; Long Ridge, $00.00; Mt. Pleasant, $14.; Newland, $102.; Oak Grove, $17.31; Pineola, $20.; Pleasant Hill, $20.30; Pleasant Valley, $5.; Powder Mill, $20.; Roaring Creek, $00.00; Yellow Mountain, $9.

Mrs. C. M. Lecka
K. L. Haga

Orphanage report read by K. L. Haga and Bro. E. S. Morgan brought greetings from Kennedy Home. The report was discussed and adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

As your Orphanage Representative I am happy to report that during the past year, contact with a number of our churches reveals the fact that we are on the up-grade in our support of the Orphanage work. However some of our churches are still negligent of their duties in this respect. An increasing number of copies of our orphanage paper, "Charity and Children" is being distributed weekly, which is an asset in our Support through the Sunday Schools. Every Sunday School will find it a great help in furthering gifts to our Orphanage work. We have not yet reached the goal of securing a special Orphanage representative in each church to work with the Associational Representative, which was recommended at our last Association. We trust that this may be completed in the coming year.

I have had the opportunity to visit the Mills Home in Thomasville five times since we last met in the Association. Each visit has brought new and greater inspiration. I have found that last year 608 children were cared for in both our Mills Home and Kennedy Home. 83 children were cared for in foster homes and 80 children were given Mother's Aid, making a total of

771 children helped directly. Our case workers helped with plans for 749 other children, thus serving 1520 children in one year.

The buildings in both homes are old and need constant repairs. They are now being renovated and furnace heat installed. At Kennedy Home a new cottage to take care of 24 children is to be built this year; also a silo and granary. At both homes frozen food plants are under construction and will be completed within a short time. Space is to be provided in these buildings for storing canned goods which are contributed by churches and friends.

Our Orphanage workers are taking seriously their work, and are giving their best to it. At 8:40 each morning Dr. Wall calls the office staff into an "Upper Room" where the word of God is read and prayers are uttered for all the workers, all the children, and all the Sunday schools and churches. Pastor John Walton recently led 42 of the children down to the pool and buried all with Christ in baptism.

I beg of you as representatives of our Baptist churches in Avery county, go back to your church and see that copies of "Charity and Children" are passed out each Sunday to the families attending your church. Make at least one offering and send in a contribution to the Treasurer of the Orphanage, each and every month, and then climax the giving this year with every member in your church giving at least one days income at the special Thanksgiving Day offering. Will you plan and pray for the greatest support ever given by the Avery Association in the coming year to our Orphanage work?

Respectfully submitted,

K. L. Haga,
Orphanage Representative.

The morning session was adjourned with prayer by Dr. McGee. We had another wonderful dinner served at the church.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY

The opening devotion was led by Astor Buchanan.

The Stewardship report was made by Ed. Buchanan, discussed by Bro. Truesdale, R. T. Teague and adopted by those present.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

A good steward has no need to be reminded of his duty to God. If we could only enlist the unenlisted and have them know that we all will have to account to God for our time and money and our good times as well, the cause will not suffer.

Respectfully,

Ed. W. Buchanan

Report of Pastoral Support was read by R. L. Painter, discussed by Mrs. Painter. R. T. Teague, Mack Hodges, Jack Ollis, and S. C. Braswell and was adopted by the congregation.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT

During the past year our churches have supported their pastors better than in former years. The statistical table will give the figures. Brethern, this is the primary purpose of our church—to preach the gospel. Let our churches stand by pastors in a greater way. If you want to see your church prosper, here is the place to begin.

R. L. Painter
Dayton Jones

Report on Obituaries was read by K. L. Haga after which a hymn, "We Are Passing Away", was sung and Mr. Haga led in prayer.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

"Man dieth and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the Ghost and where is He?" Job. 14:10.

Since our last meeting twenty brothers and sisters have gone to their reward.

Mrs. Nettie Burleson, Mr. Wilson Stamey, Mr. Ben Raye, Mr. W. M. Cook, Mr. James Clawson, Mr. Thomas A. Aldridge, Miss Frances Franklin, Mr. W. B. Norris, Mr. Q. W. Storie, Mrs. Violet Green, Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mrs. Beulah Estepp, Mrs. Emma Mace, Mr. David Denny, Miss Carrie Vance, Mr. J. Luther Banner, Mrs. S. M. Presnell, Mrs. Matilda Vines, Mrs. Bettie Holsclaw, Mr. Boone Benfield.

We humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Ed Buchanan

Jeff Pyatte read the report of the treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paid out for printing minutes & Clerk in 1947		$106.73
Balance on hand, 1947	$112.81	
Received from Churches, 1948	$104.93	
Special Collections, 1948	$ 13.29	
Total Balance Account		$231.03

J. W. Costner was appointed Hospital Representative and K. L. Haga is Orphanage Representative for our association.

The motion was made and seconded that K. L. Haga be Field Secretary to investigate with the pastors as to whether the association wants an associational missionary to report to the next session.

Report on time and place was read and adopted.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

We recommend that the next session be held at Crossnore on Thursday and at Mt. Pleasant on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August 1949. and that Rev. Ben Wood preach the annual sermon.

J. H. Vance
Dorothy Daniels
A. V. McGuire

Report on Resolutions was read and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1949

Be it resolved:

That we express our sincere thanks to the pastor and people of the Powdermill Baptist Church and community for their gracious hospitality shown the messenger and visitors during this meeting.

We further resolve that we express our sincere gratitude to our retiring clerk, Brother Dont Buchanan for his faithful service rendered through out these years.

That we express our appreciation to our treasurer and all our officers for carrying forward the administrative work of the association.

That we resolve to go back to our churches to engage in a more progressive program in carrying on the work of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gice Hall
Mrs. Vonnie Taylor
Mrs. Eula Lecka

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ARE NOT PASTORS

W. A. Braswell	Montezuma
Don Henley	Linville
L. W. Suddeth	Montezuma
Spencer McCloud	Cranberry
Raymond Turbyfill	Cranberry
Gather Harmon	Elk Park
Glen Gentry	Elk Park
Calvin Guy	Whaley
Troy Guy	Whaley
Lee Estepp	Whaley
William Grindstaff	Kalmia
Jeff Pyatte	Minneapolis
Rube Cook	Minneapolis
Jess Cook	Minneapolis
C. H. New	Pineola
Vernon Brown	Frank

Jake Ollis	Seina
J. G. Hughes	Valley
Ham Hobson	Valley
T. C. Hicks	Elk Park
C. M. Thomas	Valley

The association adjourned one of its best sessions to meet a year hence with Crossnore Baptist Church.

After a hymn, "Amazing Grace", and Benediction by Rev. A. G. Brooks, we were dismissed.

Rev. V. W. Greene, Moderator
Ed. W. Buchanan, Clerk

AVERY COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Pleasant Hill Church at 10:00 A. M., July 30th, 1948.

The devotion was conducted by Rev. K. L. Haga.

Convention was called to Order of Business by K. L. Haga.

Program was adopted and roll called. Only five Sunday Schools were represented: Aaron, 1, delegate; Belview, 5 delegates; Minneapolis 5 delegates; Newland, 2 delegates; Pineola, 1 delegate.

Twenty one Sunday Schools failed to send representatives. Organization: Rev. Jeff Pyatte was nominated and elected County Superintendent and Ed. W. Buchanan elected Secretary. Rev. K. L. Haga introduced the Rev. J. W. Costner and Brother Costner delivered the annual sermon. His sermon topic: "When Christ Takes Over". It was a wonderful sermon and was enjoyed by all present. The Superintendent appointed the following committees.

Resolutions: R. T. Lewis, S. C. Braswell, V. W. Greene

Time and Place: Dewey Gouge, W. W. Pyatte, Ed. Buchanan.

The morning session was adjourned with a prayer by Rev. Costner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After dinner, which was served on the church lawn, the convention reconvened at 1:00 P. M. and the afternoon session was opened with a devotion by Rev. V. W. Greene.

The Report on Resolution was read by R. T. Lewis and discussed by R. T. Lewis and S. C. Braswell and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved that the Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention tenders its thanks to the Pleasant Hill church for their kindness and hospitality during this convention.

Whereas there is a movement on to have an agreement with the Beer Interests to have the Beer and Wine Election postponed until February, 1949; We, the Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention protest against such postponement and ask the Dry Executive Committee of the Dry League not to agree to a contrivence of said election.

V. W. Greene
S. C. Braswell
R. T. Lewis

Report on Time and Place read by Ed. W. Buchanan and adopted.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

We recommend that the next session be held with Newland Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1949.

Dewey Geouge
W. W. Pyatte
Ed. Buchanan

The following subjects were taken up and discussed:

Qualification of a Baptist Sunday School Teacher was discussed by Ed. W. Buchanan and S. C. Braswell.

The Deacons' Place in Sunday School Work discussed by Jeff Pyatte.

The Pastor's Place In Sunday School Work discussed by Rev. V. W. Greene.

The Convention adjourned with song, "How Firm A Foundation" and a prayer by Sister W. W. Pyatte.

Jeff Pyatte, Superintendent
Ed. W. Buchanan, Secretary.

HISTORICAL and STATISTICAL TABLES

Historical Table

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. T. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powdermill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Bell View	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyatte
1946	Jonas Ridge	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1947	Cranberry	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Frank Brown
1948	Powdermill	V. W. Greene	Ed. W. Buchanan	Dayton Jones

TABLE I. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location: OC, V, T, C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letter and Other Additions	Loss by Death	Total Losses	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Church Library
Aaron	V		2 - 4	R. L. Painter, Balm, N. C.	15	1	0	0	92	46	138	1	3	No	No
Big Meadow	OC	1857	2 - 4	R. L. Painter, Balm, N. C.	29		3	6	123	55	176	1		No	No
Belview	OC	1922	2 - 4	D. N. Jones, Heaton, N. C.	3	4	1	2	56	36	92	1		No	No
Beech Mtn.	OC	1869	1 - 3	D. N. Jones, Heaton, N. C.	10	4	1	49	111	56	167	1		No	No
Cranberry	V	1908	2 - 3	Frank Brown, Cranberry, N. C.	7	2	1	5	79	27	106	1	10	No	No
Chestnut Dale	OC		All	O. C. Daniels, Hughes, N. C.					No	Report					
Crossnore	V	1908	All	A. G. Brooks, Crossnore	20	2	1	5	97	23	120	2	64	No	No
Elk Valley	OC	1882	2 - 4	Victor Truette, Banner Elk	39	2		4			160	1	0	No	No
Elk Park	T		1 - 3	W. F. Smith, Boone, N. C.	4	6		1			69	1	0	No	No
Fall Creek	OC	1885	1 - 3	D. N. Jones, Heaton, N. C.	15		2	11	182		182	1		No	No
Fair View	OC	1940	1 - 3	Ernest Canipe, Bakersville				8	44		52	1			
Flat Springs	OC	1902	2 - 4	Lawrence Hagaman, Beech Creek	6	1	3	4	172	38	210	1			
Green Valley	OC	1886	1 - 3	Frank Brown, Cranberry	6	5	2	7	83	32	115	1	2		
Henson Creek	OC	1900	2 - 4	Ned Hughes, Spruce Pine	19	1			73	31	104	2			
Jonas Ridge	V		1 - 4	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk, N. C.				4	81	56	137	1			
Long Ridge	OC	1945	2nd	T. R. Shrew, Lenoir, N. C.		4			39		39	1			
Minneapolis	V	1911	3 - 4	D. N. Jones, Heaton, N. C.	1		1	1	81	38	119	1			
Mt. Pleasant	OC	1869	1 - 3	Ben Wood, Boone, N. C.	39	4		2	138		138	1	2		
Newland	T	1921	All	J. W. Costner, Newland, N. C.	5	4	1	4	124	100	224	1	10		
Oak Grove	OC	1915	3rd	A. D. Lail, Connelly Springs, N. C.	4	2		1	54	49	103	2	1		
Pineola	V		1 - 3	V. W. Greene, Pineola, N. C.		2		2	50	32	82				
Pleasant Hill	OC	1905	1 - 3	D. N. Jones, Heaton, N. C.	2	2		4	194	100	294	1			
Pleasant Valley	OC	1893	2 - 4	V. W. Greene, Pineola, N. C.	2	3	3	7	79	52	131	1			
Powder Mill	OC	1914	1 - 3	Mack Hodges, Elizabethton, Tenn.	27						107	1			
Roaring Creek	OC	1871	3rd	Ernest Canipe, Bakersville, N. C.	10	1		1			74	1			
Yellow Mtn.	OC		2 - 4	C. A. Buchanan, Toecane, N. C.	18	2	1	2	88	37	125	2	2		

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance
Aaron	W. F. Henderson, Moutezuma, N. C.			15	12	22	10	16	20			95	55		
Big Meadow	Don E. Carpenter, Three Mile, N. C.			7	12	18	18	3	5		1	64	60		
Belview	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry, N. C.	2	4	10	14	15	10	12	42	2	3	114	67	27	24
Beech Mtn.	Roy McGuire, Heaton, N. C.			23		19	8	24	29		3	106	53	47	44
Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCoury, Cranberry, N. C.		16	13	19	22	24	20	47	1		162	85	40	30
Chestnut Dale	O. C. Daniels, Hughes, N. C.				6	9	10	20	15			60			
Crossnore	Kennith Johnson, Crossnore, N. C.			10	10	15	15	20	45		2	117	80	53	38
Elk Valley	Stewart Blair, Banner Elk, N. C.			18		16	22	25	12			93	80		
Elk Park	Claude Isaacs, Elk Park, N. C.											80		59	48
Fall Creek	Arlie Parlier, Heaton, N. C.			15	10	16		28	22			136	91		
Fair View	Jim Puckett, Kalmia, N. C.							(No Report)							
Flat Springs	A. Q. Greene, Heaton, N. C.	8		20		15	22	25	18			108	75		
Green Valley	David McCellan, Kalmia, N. C.	8	3	17	10	13	12	20	17			79	50		
Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Spear, N. C.		7	12		10	16		12		6	63	53		
Jonas Ridge	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge, N. C.	12		6	8	10	10	12	12			70	37		
Long Ridge	Green Buchanan, Pineola, N. C.			19		12			31		4	56			
Minneapolis	William Pyatte, Minneapolis, N. C.			15	7	14		21	34			91	52	18	13
Mt. Pleasant	Hazel Carpenter, Newland, N. C.	19		15		10	8	15	15			88	55	39	25
Newland	Fred Taylor, Newland, N. C.			21	7	29	7	14	30		2	110	75	86	75
Oak Grove	Arthur Ledford, Newland, N. C.	9		4	14	15	7	8	21	2	7	87	30	29	24
Pineola				14	7	14	18		8			61	35	30	25
Pleasant Hill	Lawrence Ollis, Frank, N. C.		4	15	10	14	17	40	30			130	100		
Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Elk Park, N. C.		6	17	18	16		21	17			95	60	22	18
Powder Mill	George Watson, Senia, N. C.			15		15		20	20			70	70		
Roaring Creek	C. M. Thomas, Valley, N. C.			18	10	12	10	12	14		6	82	56		
Yellow Mtn.	Claude Stafford, Plumtree, N. C.			8	12	12	20	22	30		6	110			

TABLE III. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Number of Story Hours	Story Hour Enrolled	Junior Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adult Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Aaron	Mrs. Kyle Banner, Montezuma	....	......	20	20	15	......	4	59	25
Beech Mtn.	Mrs. Truman Church, Heaton	....	......	......	19	...	..	1	20	17
Crossnore	Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Crossnore	1	....	6	6	7	10	2	37	30
Elk Valley	W. J. Cannon, Banner Elk	2	2	2	6	5	3	4	22	.....
Flat Springs	A. V. McGuire, Whaley	......	......	15	......	20	......	6	41	40
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie Shell, Jonas Ridge	.....	......	......	7	10	....	2	17	15
Long Ridge	Roy Woody, Pineola	......	......	..	....	30	......	3	30	25
Newland	Mrs. C. M. Leaka, Newland	......	.....	15	....	.....	....	.....	15	..
Pleasant Hill	Vance Buchanan, Jr., Frank	.			16		18	10	44	30

TABLE IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Total Enrolled
Belview	Mrs. Flossie Gouge, Cranberry	19	...	..	19
Crossnore	Mrs. N. W. Johnson, Crossnore	10		.	10
Elk Valley	Mrs. R. E. Truesdale, Banner Elk	5	..		10
Elk Park	Mrs. R. N. Cardwell. Elk Park	8		18	26
Newland	Mrs. Bob Banner, Newland	12	12	......	24

TABLE VI. GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Janitor, Fuel, Repairs, Insurance, etc.	Asst. Pastor, Educational Director, Choir Leader	Revival Expense and Pastoral Supply	Paid on Church Debt Out of Current Funds	Literature, Quarterlies, Church Paper, Song Books	Local Benevolences	Building Fund (Given Associational Year)	Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total Given for Local Church Work
Aaron	Bonnie Clark, Montezuma	84.63	57.56		279.41		52.10	16.00		5.00		523.11
Big Meadow	J. L. Pyatte, Pyatte, N. C.	290.31	50.00		54.94		38.00		364.47	5.00	105.00	907.72
Belview	Julius Ollis, Cranberry	347.50	85.40		183.75		68.40	113.69		5.00	75.00	893.95
Beech Mtn.	Fred Jones, Whaley	371.79	290.00	9.14	252.01		40.84	99.24	13.61	5.00		1090.50
Cranberry	Mrs. Earl Green, Cranberry	360.00	600.82	42.04	105.00		140.78	33.00	557.60	8.00	138.00	2045.24
Chestnut Dale	D. S. Hoffman, Frank	129.00	68.00		72.47		20.00			1.00		290.53
Crossnore	Lois W. Clark, Crossnore	1500.00	157.00		107.50	250.00	116.00	30.90		5.00	95.00	2266.40
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk, N. C.	537.09	48.00	136.82			68.00		1191.18	3.17	36.25	2020.51
Elk Park	Clarence Carroll, Elk Park, N. C.	340.00	236.12		60.00		71.58	117.15	1135.29	3.00		1963.14
Fall Creek	Mrs. Bula Dugger, Heaton, N. C.	418.22	90.30		146.38	60.00	50.75	109.50		5.00	30.00	910.15
Fair View	Dewey Hughes, Kalmia, N. C.	236.79			52.00		25.00	10.00		3.50		327.29
Flat Springs	Don Greene, Heaton, N. C.	375.00	55.00		90.00		24.36			3.00		547.36
Green Valley	Guy Pittman, Kalmia, N. C.	175.00	20.00		312.36	16.75	56.17	65.93		4.00	110.00	760.21
Henson Creek	Homer Burleson, Spear, N. C.	207.75	15.00	30.00	328.00		25.00			1.75	33.00	640.50
Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell, Jonas Ridge, N. C.	407.25	11.40		12.85		58.96	38.46	61.57	5.00	43.20	638.96
Long Ridge		141.41					22.40		819.93	3.00		986.74
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis, N. C.	335.00	20.00		106.44		55.27	52.96	1738.00	5.00	74.50	2387.17
Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Newland, N. C.	490.00	211.72	335.70			97.43		123.30	3.00	24.72	1235.87
Newland	Finley Banner, Newland, N. C.	2080.00	689.75		195.00		92.59	569.67	423.12	10.00	125.12	4185.25
Oak Grove	John A. Taylor, Newland, N. C.	209.83	19.72	14.00	128.90	21.80	56.20	22.73	291.80	3.96	58.68	827.62
Pineola	Mrs. Roger Franklin, Pineola, N. C.	191.93	152.64				22.49	10.00	41.00	1.25		419.31
Pleasant Hill	Luther A. Ollis, Frank, N. C.	581.25	129.15		138.00		50.00	96.81		10.00	113.52	1118.63
Pleasant Valley	Boyd Hicks, Elk Park, N. C.	71.15	20.00		18.46		20.00			2.50		132.11
Powder Mill	T. J. Greene Senia, N. C.	600.00	146.51		81.13		103.47	86.14	350.00	2.00		1369.25
Roaring Creek	C. M. Thomas, Valley, N. C.	154.24	65.00		50.00		23.50	27.00		4.00		323.74
Yellow Mtn.	T. J. Greene, Spear, N. C.	445.76	70.95		158.00		41.00	48.83	978.54	3.00	90.00	1836.05

TABLE VII. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program (or Unified Budget)	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanage, Total Gifts	Designated to Hospitals	Relief and Annuity; Other Objects	Grand Total Gifts for All Purposes
Aaron	H. F. Ledford, Montezuma	11.12						12.80	33.00		295.62
Big Meadow	Lawrence Carpenter, Three Mile							63.85	21.36		987.93
Belview	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry	6.69	5.00	16.75	16.50	10.00		60.00	16.00		1014.91
Beech Mtn	Mrs. Hunt McGuire, Heaton	2.50			13.16	13.15		121.84	10.23		1450.58
Cranberry	Mrs. A. O. Connell, Cranberry			20.00		30.00		25.00	40.00		2202.24
Chestnut Dale	R. L. Sluder, Frank										289.63
Crossnore	Mrs. Cora L. Vance, Crossnore	120.00		50.00	25.00	25.00	50.00	60.00	25.00	60.00	2686.40
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk	35.00		18.00	21.70	101.04		45.81			2260.89
Elk Park	A. I. Cornette, Elk Park	72.52		37.50	12.31	17.30		126.46	29.00		2255.23
Fall Creek	Glen Jones, Heaton							99.40	7.20		1011.75
Fair View	Carl Cook, Kalmia										323.79
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek							25.18	11.31		692.00
Green Valley	Mrs. Grace Hall, Kalmia			13.09	55.00			15.00	15.00		834.92
Henson Creek	Stella Dellinger										638.75
Jonas Ridge	Nellie Shell, Jonas Ridge	16.00						85.50	15.60		714.85
Long Ridge	Ronald Woody, Jonas Ridge								4.25		987.99
Minneapolis	Mrs. Jeff Pyatte, Minneapolis	10.00		9.17				107.74	24.92	25.20	2559.20
Mt. Pleasant	O. C. Thompson, Hughes				101.90			61.69	14.00		1460.46
Newland	Finley Banner, Newland	275.00	25.00	142.00	30.00	30.00	100.00	115.00	100.00		5457.18
Oak Grove	Vonnie Taylor, Newland	4.27						27.25	17.31		872.59
Pineola	Edna Moir, Pineola	62.17		5.75				126.43	20.00		695.35
Pleasant Hill	L. A. Ollis, Frank					20.30		84.05	22.30		1235.28
Pleasant Valley	Robt. Hicks, Elk Park	2.00							5.00	32.00	191.16
Powder Mill	Lois Watson								20.00		1387.25
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Valley										319.74
Yellow Mtn.	D. Buchanan, Spear							11.75	14.00		1868.50

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COMMITTEES FOR 1950

Program	J. W. Costner and Associational Officers
Sunday School	K. L. Haga
B. T. U	Mrs. Kyle Banner and Mrs. Bessie Price
W. M. U	Miss Edith Caldwell
Periodicals	Mack Hodge
Education	W. F. Smith
Missions	Associational Missionary
Stewardship	A. G. Brooks
Obituaries	J. A. Buchannon
Hospital	R. L. Painter
Orphanage	Mrs. Eula V. Lecka
State of Churches	R. T. Teague
Relief and Annuity	Ben Wood
Finance	Ed Buchanon
Asociational Missions	W. W. Brasswell

The above committee is subject to change in case of pastorial changes or providential hindrance.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the various churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and evrey additional fifty or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Power and Prerogatives

Art. 4 The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise aff the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connections with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Officers

Art. 8 The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer (one person), Historian, and an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the association and three laymen elected by the association, all of whom shall be elected after the letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office, except the clerk, to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session. The clerk shall continue until the minutes are printed and distributed.

Committee.
R. L. Painter
R. T. Teague

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.
2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.
3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.
6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.
3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.
4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancy in organization.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of Committees on Order of Business as to subjects and discussion.
9. Eelction of officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.
11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

AARON—W. F. Henderson, H. F. Ledford, Mrs. Bessie Price.

BIG MEADOW—Albert Caloway, Mrs. L. Carpenter, Mrs. H. J. Pyatte.

BELVIEW—Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gouge, Frank McKinney, Boyd Nicely.

BEECH MTN.—Tom Cook, Hurst McGuire, Jrohn Trivette, Fred Jones, W. M. Estep.

CRANBERRY—B. H. Nicely, Mrs. Harold Winters, Mrs. E. L. McCourry.

CHESTNUT DALE—Robt. Sluder, Geter Isaacs, Mrs. Robt. Sluder.

CROSSNORE—Paul Woody, J. H. Vance, George Johnson, John Hayes.

ELK VALLEY—Stuart Blair, Luther Riddle, Ed Hodges.

ELK PARK—Dr. F. P. Guinn, Mrs. B. H. Winters, Mrs. Jimmie Tanner.

FALL CREEK—T. B. Gryder, N. E. Cook, Bill Dugger.

FAIR VIEW—Carl Cook, Dewey Hughes, Wiley Forbs.

FLAT SPRINGS—Mrs. Mertie Greene, A. V. McGuire, Don Greene, W. R. Trivette.

GREEN VALLEY—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hall, Mrs. Bob Pittman, Guy Pittman, Mrs. Dock Ollis Heaton.

HENSON CREEK—Ned Hughes, Paul Dellinger, Ezel Burleson, Tott Burleson.

JONAS RIDGE—P. A. Shell, Nellie Shell, Alberta Rose.

LONG RIDGE—Coy Woody, Thomas Reeves, Lumin Gouge.

MINNEAPOLIS—William Pyatte, Mrs. Jeff Pyatte, Miss Ila Fae Pyatte.

MT. PLEASANT—Olive Burleson, Geneva Burleson, Annette Burleson, Edwin Thompson.

NEWLAND—R .T. Teague, Mrs. J. W. Costner, Mrs. Eula V. Leaka, F. W. Gaines, Mrs. Max Daniels, Miss Isabel Hunt.

OAK GROVE—C. H. New, J. A. Ledford, Frank Taylor.

PINEOLA—Jeff Buchanan, Mrs. Ira Vance, Lola Vance, Mrs. Pansy Keller, Earnest Bustle.

PLEASANT HILL—Mr. and Mrs. Vance Buchanan, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Brown, Ed Buchanan.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Walter Hicks, Phles Guinn, Bud Bare, Boyd Hicks.

POWDER MILL—Geo. Watson, Tom Greene, Joe Cantrell, Tom Ingram.

ROARING CREEK—

VALLEY HAVEN—Elmer Crawford, Lewis Brotherton, Mrs. Carrie Hodge.

YELLOW MTN.—Vestor Stafford, Ana Buchanan.

PROCEEDINGS—FIRST DAY

The Avery County Baptist Association met in its Thirty-Eighth Annual Session with Crossnore Church. The meeting was called to order by Moderator D. N. Jones Singing was led by Rev. A. G. Brooks. Devotion was conducted by Rev. R. L. Painter. Prayer by Rev. W. M. Ashley.

The Program was read and adopted. Summary Historian Report by Rev. K. L. Haga.

Audience sang "Faith of our Fathers". The Report adopted.

"ORGANIZATIONS"

Roll call of Churches. Twenty Seven responded. Heaton's report came in later in the Sesesion. A new Church (Valley Haven)) asked for membership with us and the following committee was appointed to investigate the applicaion. R. T. Teague, J. D. Braswell, Sr. and J. A. Buchanan. Visitors asked to let themselves be known and Rev. W. M. Ashley of Three Forks Association was welcomed and asked to take part in the deliberations. The following committee was appointed.

Place and Preacher—John Trivette, Ed Hodges, J. D. Braswell, Sr.

Resolutions—William Pyatt, R. L. Painter, J. C. Brown.

After Brother D. N. Jones asked to be relieved of the Moderator's place he called Rev. J. C. Brown to the chair for the election of officers. The following were elected.

Rev. J. W. Costner—Moderator
Rev. V. W. Greene—Vice Moderator
Rev. K. L. Haga—Historian and Field Worker
Ed W. Buchanan—Clerk and Treasurer
W. W. Braswell, Dewey Gouge, J. D. Braswell, Sr.—Executive Committee.

An offering was taken and $25.22 was received and turned in to the general fund.

Annual Sermon was delivered by Rev. Ben Wood. His theme was "The Church and Its Mission". A wonderful and inspiring message was enjoyed by all.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. W. F. Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY

After a Bountiful dinner served at the church, the Association met at 1:15. Song service was led by Rev. A. G. Brooks. The devotions were led by Rev. J. W. Costner.

The Committee to investigate the new church (Valley Haven) made their report and the church was admitted to Membership with our Association and the congregation sang "The Old Time Religion". The pastor, Rev. Ira Hodges, and the Delegates were given the right hand of Fellowship and Welcomed.

A Committee to revise the Constitution was appointed.

R. T. Teague, R. G. Brooks, R. L. Painter.

The Following Reports Read and Discussed In Order.

MISSIONS

Read by V. W. Greene and discussed by J. O. Young and adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Read by J. D. Braswell and discussed by Bro. Braswell, R. T. Teague, Ben Wood and adopted.

PERIODICALS

Read and discussed by R. T. Teague and adopted.

Adjourned with Prayer by Rev. Mack Hodge.

PROCEEDINGS—SECOND DAY

The Association met with Mt. Pleasant Church at 10 A. M. In the Absence of the Moderator and Vice Moderator the Clerk asked R. T. Teague to the chair. Song service led by Ben Wood.

Devotion by Rev G. W. Bullard. Visitors and Correspondents were G. W. Bullard of the State Mission Board, Rev. John O. Walton Pastor of the Mills Home Church and Richard Young Chaplain of the Baptist Hospital at Winston Salem.

Report on Revision of the Constitution was read by R. T. Teague and adopted unanimously.

Report on Sunday Schools and Vacation Bible Schools was read by Jeff Pyatte and discussed by him and J. O. Young, W. F. Henderson, J. W. Costner, G. W. Bullard and adopted.

The Executive Committee will name the County Sunday School Superintendent for this year.

At this time Dr. L. L. Carpenter editor Biblical Recorder was recognized and welcomed.

W. M. U. Report was read by Miss Edith Cardwell and adopted.

Hospital Report was read by J. W. Costner and discussed by Rev. Richard Young of the Baptist Hospital. R. L. Painter and T. B. Gryder, and adopted.

Orphanage Report was read by Ed W. Buchanan and Rev. J. O. Walton brought greetings from the Mills Home and an interesting message. Report Adopted.

Dr. L. L. Carpenter gave an address on Periodicals and in interest of the Biblical Recorder.

Rev. G. W. Bullard concluded the discussion on Missions and Cooperative Program. An interesting and inspiring message. Song "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and adjourned with prayer by Bro. Bullard.

AFTERNOON SECOND DAY

After a fine dinner served at the Church the Association met at 1:15. Song service led by Ben Wood. Devotion by Mack Hodge.

Report on Stewardship read by R. L. Painter and discussed by J. O. Young, Ben Wood and adopted.

Pastoral Support. (See Tables)

OBITUARIES

Read by Dorothy Daniel. Song, "We Are Passing Away" by Ed W. Buchanan. Prayer by Ben Wood. Report Adopted.

Temperance Report By Atty: Robert Lacy and a fine address given by him which was enjoyed by all. Report Adopted .

Bro. J. W. Costner asked the Association to allow the Executive Committee with the Mitchel County Executive Committee to employ a Missionary for the two Countys.

Motion made and Seconded that the Association go on record as favoring employing a Missionary. And the matter be left to the Executive Committee. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report by Jeff Pyatte.

On motion R. L. Painter was elected Hospital Representative.

Resolutions by R. L. Painter.

Place and Preacher read and adopted.

Adjourned to meet a year hence with the Aaron Baptist Church, with the song "Take The Name Of Jesus With You" and prayer by Rev. Mack Hodge.

R. T. Teague, Acting Moderator
Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held with Aaron Church on Thursday and with Newland Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August and that Rev. W. F. Smith preach the annual sermon and that Rev. Mack Hodge be his alternate.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. D. Braswell, Sr.
Ed Hodges
John Trivette

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union takes for its Watchword: "For ye serve the Lord Christ" found in Colossians 3:24b. Let us pray that this will be pushed to eevry corner of our State and including our own Avery Association.

The Woman's Missionary Union in Avery Association has grown a little since last year. Last year we had only four churches with organizations for carrying on the Missionary Work; this year, we have Six Churches with Organizations. This is a 50% increase! Crossnore and Aaron Church are our. new churches and we are proud of them. Newland, Elk Park, Belview and Elk Valley were already organized.

During every quarter for the past year the offerings have increased: These go from $32.00 to $81.25 for the Cooperative Program.

We have had representatives at the Divisional Woman's Missionary Union Meeting in Boone and at the Divisional Leadership Conference.

At our Associational Meeting at Elk Park on June 10, 1949, we had good delegations from each church with a Missionary Organization. The following Officers were elected for 1949-50:

Associate Superintendent: Mrs. Emmett Gouge

Young People's Director: Mrs. James Tanner

Royal Ambassador Counselor: Mrs. Kyle Banner

Mission Study Chairman: Mrs. A. G. Brooks

Community Missions Chairman: Mrs. Herbie Johnson

Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. B. H. Winters

Training School Chairman: Mrs. Truesdell, Sr.

Margaret Fund Chairman: Mrs. R. E. Truesdell, Jr.

Literature Chairman: Mrs. Bob Banner

Secretary & Treasurer: Mrs. Ruth Calloway

Superintendent: Miss Edith Cardwell

We plan to have a Council Meeting of all Associational Officers at least one time every three months during the coming year—they are scheduled as follows:

Newland—September 26, 1949
Elk Park—December 20, 1949
Crossnore—March 27, 1950
Elk Valley—June 26, 1950.

Our Associational Meeting will be with Aaron Church next year on June 9, 1950.

Please urge your church to send delegations to this meeting.

Edith Cardwell
Associational Superintendent

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Perhaps we are making some progress in our Missionary giving in our Association as revealed by the recent report published in the Biblical Recorder for the first six months of 1949. We find that 19 churches gave a total of $1,211.38. However there were 8 churches that did not report a single penny given to our Mission work over this period of six months .

Our Mission program is divided into three definite parts, State, Home and Foreign. Southern Baptists are going forward in a world-wide program preaching, teaching and healing and every member of a Baptist church should have a part in this program. Former generations accepted this plan and if we are christian today we will likewise follow this plan for the sake of the past, the present and the future.

While we are making some progress there is still much to be done. A Missionary spirit and practice is needed among both preachers and Laymen if we are to succeed as Christ would have us to succeed.

Humbly Submitted,
Rev. V. W. Greene, Chairman
Committee on Missions

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEFINED

Report on Christian Education as applies to
the Churches Belonging to The Avery County
Baptist Association

Christian Education is an effort to bring individuals to understand, believe, accept and experience the grace of God through Christ and to assist in building a life on His principles. Christian Education is needed for the masses for the following reasons: 1st, it is the command of Christ; 2nd, for the need of the people groping in darkness; 3rd, public schools prepare youth to make a living—Christian Education must prepare youth to make a life; 4th, public schools exclude religious teaching so it is left up to the church to supply this teaching to make men conscious of God, to help people to understand and appreciate the life teachings and purposes of Christ; to prepare people for effective and efficient service in the Kingdom and to prepare intelligent and capable members of the church. We cannot depend upon our schools and collges for they cannot reach but a limited number. We cannot any more depend upon the home. Therefore, we must depend upon the Church. It is the nearest to the masses. We have no statistics that show that this has been or is being done as it should be in all of the churches in this association. Most, if not all, our churches have organized Sunday Schools, some have organized Training Unions, some have organized W. M. Unions, and some had Vacation Bible Schools. All this is educational and is to be commended. However, this alone will never produce a Bible-educated church membership, for the reason that a great majority of our leaders and teachers have not had the opportunity for Bible study that they should have had and therefore they are not able and efficient leaders and teachers. We need better trained leaders and teachers. In Hebrews 5:12, we find these words: "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again." In Acts 20:20, Paul tells us that he taught publicly and from house to house." Galatians 6:7, tells us "to not be deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." If we fail to teach sound doctrines in our churches, then our children will be the reapers of unsound teaching. If men and women are studying the Bible as they should, they will be interested in the preaching services; they will give to the church causes because of their concern for men and women in the community and throughout the world.

In the words of Ecclesiastes or the Preacher (12:13) "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

J. D. Braswell, Sr.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

It has been my happy privilege as your Orphanage Representative to visit Mills Home a number of times during the past year, In addition to observing the children in their happy surroundings in the Dormitories and on the Campus it is an added joy to meet the various officials in their offices and discuss with them the work of the Orphanage.

Much repair work has been going on at the Home during the past year with the result that around $50,000 more has been spent than was received. However I was told that the institution did not go in the "RED" as they were able to rely on a reserve fund which had been laid aside for such purposes. It is evident that a more adequate support must be given our Orphanage work to continue the outstanding service to the hundreds of homeless ones who knock at the door for admittance from year to year. I find in a recent report that this Association shows 12 churches that have not contributed one cent to our Orphanage work from January 1st through June 30th of this year. We ought not to wait until November of each year to make our contributions to our Orphanage but each month every Church and Sunday School should send in an offering. Even if it should be a small amount, it will be received as needed by the institution and the individual church will profit by a systematic plan of giving. Secure enough copies of the paper, "Charity and Children" to distribute to every family in the church and your increased interest in the Orphanage will mount up.

Will you go back home to your church and appoint an Orphanage Representative among your membership, giving them the opportunity to distribute the Orphanage paper and any other information concerning our Great Institutions, permitting them to secure and seand at least one offering each month to the Treasurer of the Orphanage? That will be a forward step for that individual member and your church will receive a blessing in so doing. Keep on praying for the Orphanage and its work.

K. L. Haga, Orphanage Representative

TEMPERANCE REPORT FOR AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Since the last meeting of the Association a great change has been noted as far as the problem of Beer and Wine and the sale thereof is concerned. It is a change which was being sought at the last meeting, and due to the efforts of our Christian Leaders Beer and Wine are no longer offered for sale in Avery County. It is also pleasant to note that the movement which practically originated here in Avery County has spread, and now several counties in this state no longer allow Beer and Wine to be sold, and several other Counties have elections scheduled for the near future, and it is the desire of this Association that the same results will be had in these elections as have been had in the other elections of this nature, and that soon we, the people of the State of North Carolina can live in a dry State.

The problem with which we are most seriously faced today is the growth of the A. B. C. Stores in this vicinity. During the last month the sale of Liquor was made legal in Catawba County and Hickory, North Carolina, this is near home and a real problem. The plea of the PEOPLE of this State for an election concerning a referendum was defeated in our last Legislature, however, we of the Avery Baptist Association, pledge ourselves to work even harder for the privilege of a vote on this vital evil so that we can voice our opinion against the worst EVIL with which we are faced today.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert H. Lacey

TREASURERS REPORT

Paid out for printing and Clerk in 1948		$127.28
Balance on hand in 1948	$108.82	

Jeff Pyatte

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

The Earthly Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ was three fold, Viz; Preaching, teaching and healing. If we are to let His example and teaching guide us in our Christian activities, based on the whole Word of God, We will not be contented in doing less than our best to carry out the whole of His Word, for the whole man, for the whole world.

The average Hospital Report deals with facts and figures pertaining to the cost of operation in each department, and the treatment of the many thousands of people who become patients from all over the state of North Carolina and other states. Since the space is necessarily limited in our annual

Minutes, and since the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children and the special information published and mailed out from the Hospital, I am leaving off all statistics.

When Jesus met the man that had been sick for thirty-eight years he asked him, "wilt thou be made whole"? or, Do you want to get well? The sick man offered his excuse for not having a chance to get well. That excuse was a direct charge of being neglected by his fellow man in the city of Jerusalem who had neglected to help him during the long period of sickness. Jesus however, said unto him, "Rise and take up thy bed and walk." This same Jesus speaks through medical science and scientific care through our Hospital in Winston Salem and all who engage in the work of caring for the sick. The same Divine Healer works through human instrumentality everywhere where people try to carry out the great plan of Jesus.

It has been my honored privilege to assist in sending the large number from Avery County during the past year to our Baptist Hospital. Not one single case has been turned away. I personally investigated one case in Avery County from another denomination that owed a bill of app. $450.00 that was cancelled and paid from our Mothers Day Fund. This bill or a part of the bill, was for a major operation and many days of treatment that I knew could not be paid by the patient without the selling of his home. Our Hospital never tries to collect when the patient is not able financially.

This report carries with it an urgent appeal for each church to make plans to make the biggest offering next May when we give through our Mothers Day offering for the relief of suffering humanity. The Lord has a way of blessing those who do their duty. He said one day, "Whosoever shall give a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Costner

PERIODICALS

There are 75,000 Baptist families in North Carolina who do not know our program. Why do they not know? No denomination has more informative literature than we, but sad to say it is not read. How can we expect our people to be interested in our work unless they know about it? We earnestly urge every Baptist family to read at least these five religious magazines:

Biblical Recorder
Charity & Children
The Commission
Home Missions
Home Life

R. T. Teague

RESOLUTIONS

Having been so Royally entertained by the good folks of Crossnore and Mt. Pleasant Churches

Be it Resolved that we express our thanks to them and their Pastors by a rising vote of thanks.

And we thank our retiring oficers for their service. May we continually thank God for every blessing.

William Pyatte, R. L. Painter, Committee

OBITUARIES

Jesus said unto her I am the Resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me though he were dead Yet shall he live. "John 12:25.

Since our last meeting sixteen Brothers and Sisters have departed from this earth.

Mrs. Raymond Jones
Mrs. Etta Hicks
Mr. W. J. Stamey
Mrs. Frank Chappell
Mrs. Halley Mayberry
S. C. Braswell
Mrs. Caroline Hicks
Miss Lura Miller
Mrs. Margaret Vines
Mr. A. G. Miller
Mrs. Betsy Hillman
Mrs. Luther Ollis
Mrs. Poppie Johnson
Mrs. Leona Aldridge
Mrs. Maggie Gray
Mrs. Evelyn Church

Respectfully,
J. H. Vance
Dorothy P. Daniel

STEWARDSHIP

A good Steward for Christ is faithful to the trust committed to him. He is interested in every part of the Kingdom work.

Our Churches are to be commended for the work of the past year.

We recommend that our Churches have the Stewardship courses taught. We recommend that our Associational Missionary either teach or work out with the Pasotr these study courses.

Let us be faithful to our Churches and faithful to support the work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roby L. Painter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School offers a wonderful opportunity for service to the sincere Christian Worker, therefore Sunday School teachers should be well trained. Above all they should be consecrated christians who will seek to win their pupils to Christ.

The Daliy Vacation Bible School is a wonderful help in teaching our younger children. I am pleased to report that a large number of our Churches had Vacation Bible School last year. I believe this work is growing slowly but surely in our Avery churches and I urge each and every church to pray for the advancement of this work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Jeff Pyatte

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. D. Braswell, Chairman; K. L. Haga, Secretary; J. W. Costner, Dewey Gouge, V. W. Greene, W. W. Braswell, Ed. W. Buchanan.

In a called session at Newland Baptist church Saturday, September 3, 1949, by order of the Avery Baptist Association, elected and confirmed the following Associational workers;

Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Rev. K. L. Haga
Orphanage Representative, Mrs. Eula V. Lecka

B. T. U. Associaitonal Superintendents, Mrs. Bessie Price, Mrs. Kyle Banner
Time and place for the Annual Sunday School Association, will meet at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1950.

A motion was made that the Chairman and Secretary notify Rev. Jeff Pyatte former Treasurer of the Association to turn over to Ed. W. Buchanan present Clerk-Treasurer $108.82, said amount being the balance in Treasury of the Association as reported at the last session of the Association held at Crossnore, August 25, 1949, and that Mr. Ed W. Buchanan send a check to Rev. Jeff Pyatte in the amount of $8.82 compensation for his services as Treasurer, when final settlement has been placed in the hands of the present Treasurer. Motion was made by V. W. Greene and seconded by Ed W. Buchanan. Unanimously adopted.

On motoin made by J. W. Costner and seconded by V. W. Greene $25.00 was ordered paid to the Clerk, Ed W. Buchanan for his services as Clerk for 1949-1950. Meeting was adjourned subject to further meetings at the call of the Chairman.

J. D. Braswell, Chairman
K. L. Haga, Secretary

B. T. U. REPORT

Theme; Found Faithful. Scripture for the year More over it is required in Stewards that a man be found faithful. 1st Cor. 4:3.

We feel that our Training Union has grown some in the past year. But we still have room for growth. Nine Churches reported Unions. Last year two of these died soon after the Association. Aaron Church has put on an Extention Program and we had the pleasure to organize B. T. U. at Oak Grove, Pineola and Mt. Pleasant. Every Church in our County should have a Training Union.

We are dependent on our Young Folk for future Leaders and we Should realize the Necessity of Training them.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Kyle Banner

ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Guy Blair	Valley, N. C.
William James	Shell Creek, Tennessee
James Puckett	Kalmia, N. C.

NOT PASTORS

W. A. Braswell	Montezuma, N. C.
Jess Cook	Minneapolis, N. C.
Rube Cook	Minneapolis N. C.
Lee Estep	Whaley, N. C.
Glenn Gentry	Elk Park, N. C.
William Grindstaff	Kalmia, N. C.
Calvin Guy	Whaley, N. C.
Troy Guy	Whaley, N. C.
Gaither Harmon	Elk Park, N. C.
Don Hendley	Lindville, N. C.
T. C. Hicks	Elk Park, N. C.
Ham Hobson	Valley, N. C.
J. G. Hughes	Valley, N. C.
Spencer McCloud	Cranberry, N. C.
C. H. New	Pineola, N. C.
Jake Ollis	Senis, N. C.
L. W. Suddreth	Montezuma, N. C.
C. M. Thomas	Valley, N. C.

A TRIBUTE TO "UNCLE D. AND AUNT ADELAIDE BUCHANAN

D. Buchanan, age 81, and Adelaide Buchanan, age 83, have been loyal and faithful members of the Baptist church for many years. "Uncle D. joined the church at 16 years of age at Bakersville, Mitchell county. 35 years ago he moved his membership to Yellow Mountain church in Avery county, where he has served continuously as a Deacon during the past 20 years. He served the Avery Baptist Association faithfully and practically without remuneration for 17 years.

The family consisted of 5 children who were reared and educated by the noble parents. They have gone out and established good christian homes and entered into successful business lives and church workers. Uncle "D" says: "I don't know of any better way than the Baptist Way, Salvation by Grace and serving the Lord."

HISTORICAL and STATISTICAL TABLES

Historical Table

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterfield	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powdermill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Bell View	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill and Minneapolis	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyatt
1946	Jonas Ridge and Oak Grove	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1947	Cranberry	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Frank Brown
1948	Powdermill	V. W .Greene	Ed. W. Buchanan	Dayton Jones
1949	Crossnore and Mt. Pleasant	D. N. Jones	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ben Wood

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers
Aaron		2-4	J. A. Buchanan. Spruce Pine	15	1	61	54	115	1	3
Big Meadow	1857	2-4	Roby L. Painter, Balm		14	98	65	163		
Belview	1922	1-3	Roby L. Painter, Balm	2	2	60	44	104	1	
Beech Mtn.	1869	1-3	D. N. Jones, Heaton	6	12	127	43	170	1	
Cranberry	1908	2-4	Ben Wood, Boone	15	2	93	27	120	2	
Chestnut Dale	1923	1-3	Vivian Brown, Minneapolis	2	2			57	1	
Crossnore	1907	All	A. G. Brooks, Crossnore	44	5	142	40	182	2	
Elk Valley		2-4	D. N. Jones, Heaton	2	2			160	1	
Elk Park		1-3	W. F. Smith, Boone		3			72	1	5
Fall Creek	1885	1-3	D. N. Jones, Heaton	4	11			176	1	
Fair View	1940	1-3	Ernest Canippe, Bakersville	11				70	2	
Flat Springs	1902	1-3	D. N. Jones, Heaton	2	1	175	38	213	2	
Green Valley	1886	2-4	Ned Hughes, Spruce Pine	12		83	32	129	2	
Heaton	1934	2-4	Raymond Turbyfill, Minneapolis					15	1	
Henson Creek	1900	1-3	J. A. Buchanan, Spruce Pine	5	3			112	2	
Jonas Ridge	1933	1-3				79	56	135	1	
Long Ridge	1945		T. R. Shew, Lenoir	18				68	2	
Minneapolis		1-3	Jeff Pyatt, Minneapolis		5	77	38	115	1	
Mt. Pleasant	1869	1-3	Ben Wood, Boone		5	101	36	137	1	
Newland	1921	All	J. W. Costner, Newland	16	1	146	83	229	1	
Oak Grove		1-3		28		115	30	145	1	
Pineola		1-3	Ernest Bustle, Jonas Ridge	11	8	47	32	90	2	
Pleasant Hill	1905	1-3	Mack Hodge, Bakersville	7	4	200	109	309	1	
Pleasant Valley	1893	4th	Earl Teaster, Carter View, Tenn.	10	13	65	84	159	1	
Powder Mill	1914	1-3		2				100	2	
Roaring Creek	1871		Park Whitson, Bakersville			74	18	92	1	
Valley Haven	1949	2-4	Ira M. Hodge, Banner Elk	6		44		44	1	
Yellow Mtn.	1868	2-4	R. L. Painter, Balm			77	44	121		
			Totals	218	94	1857	873	3490	35	8

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes & Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance
Aaron	W. F. Henderson, Montezuma			8	12	15	15	16	22		8	96	61	40	35
Big Meadow	Don E. Carpenter, Three Mile			4	12	15	15	3	5			50			
Belview	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry		9	11	14	12	16	17	64	2		144	66	44	30
Beech Mtn.	Roy McGuire, Heaton			20	12	18	14	22	20		2	108	63	39	37
Cranberry	David Thomas, Cranberry		16	12	19	31	22	19	52			171	81		
Chestnut Dale	Geter Isaacs, Frank		7		7	6	8	20	15			63	50		
Crossnore	Kenenth Johnson, Crossnore	16	8	13	20	20	29	25	61	5	2	180	120	56	50
Elk Valley	Stuart Blair, Banner Elk	10	20	12	18	30	35	25				150	100		
Elk Park	Harold Winters, Elk Park				11	12	15	18	15			71	45		
Fall Creek	N. E. Cook, Heaton			14	11	16		23	27			141	96		
Fair View	L. W. Woody, Kalmia														
Flat Springs	A. V. Mc Guire, Whaley				15	10	17	16	15	3		150	77		
Green Valley	Guy Pittman, Kalmia	2	4	15	8	7	12	11	22	2		83	55		
Heaton	Grace Oaks, Heaton				7	4	3	5	6	2		27	10		
Henson Creek	Ezell Burleson, Spear			12		12	18	12	12	4		70	65		
Jonas Ridge	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge				6	11	11	11	11			50	36		
Long Ridge	Green Buchanan, Pineola		10	30		14			46	4		72			
Minneapolis	Willie Pyatte, Minneapolis			14	6	12		19	30	10		91	47	28	25
Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Newland			10	10	14	14	20	20	8		96	85	28	24
Newland	Fred Taylor, Newland			11	11	20	15	12	32	3		104	75	74	45
Oak Grove	Ben Buchanan, Newland			10	12	13	11	20	34			100	65		
Pineola	Charles Buchanan, Pineola				12	14		30	6			62	40		
Pleasant Hill	Vance Buchanan, Jr., Frank	14	8	11	15	23	23	40	69			203	85	40	30
Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Elk Park	9		5	9	16	7	9	21	4	8	88	55	29	25
Powder Mill	Howard Thomas, Seina			15		15		15	15			60			
Roaring Creek				15	14	13	18	10	10			82	56		
Valley Haven	George Carver, Banner Elk											80	59		
Yellow Mtn.	Homer Winters, Spear	7		5	10	18	21	19	44			124	60	36	30
	Totals	58	82	247	261	377	399	427	647	47	20	2574	1552	414	332

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. of Story Hours	No. of Junior Unions	No. of Intermediate Unions	No. of Young Peoples Unions	No. of Adult Unions	Grand Total Unions	Story Hour Enrolled	Junior Enrolled	Intermedaite Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adult Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Aaron	Edward Sudderth, Montezuma		1	1	1	1	4		20	20	20	24	12	80	50
Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCourry, Cranberry	1	1	1			3		19	18	17		6	60	35
Crossnore	George Johnson, Crossnore	1	1	1	1	1	5	10	10	15	15	15	6	71	50
Flat Springs	A. V. McGuire, Whaley		1	1	1	1	4		12	8	10	8	5	43	35
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Dorthy Daniels, Newland		1	1	1	1	4		6	12	10	8	4	41	30
Newland	Mrs. Eula V. Lecka, Newland	1	1				2	8	15					23	20
Pineola	Thelma V. Franklin, Pinola				1						20			20	15
Pleasant Valley	W. R. Trivette, Elk Park		1		1	1	3		31		15	16	4	75	35

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Aaron	Mrs. Felton Sudderth, Montezuma	1	1	1	3	17	15	10	42		3
Belview	Mrs. Flossey Gouge, Cranberry	1				11			11		2
Crossnore	Mrs. N. W. Johnson, Crossnore	1	1		2	24	15		39	8	11
Elk Valley	Mrs. Julious Guinn, Banner Elk	1			1	6			6		
Newland	Mrs. Paul Vance, Newland	1			1	24			24		

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Funds on Hand Beginning of Year	Total Gifts Recorded all offerings & organizations	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Other Salaries	Maintenance Church Property	New Buildings	Literature, Song Book, etc.	Local Mission and Benevolences	Revival Expense and Pastoral Supply	Minutes & Clerk	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenditures
Aaron	Mrs. Kyle Banner, Montezuma		1924.08	296.04	58.00	914.13		152.73	82.51	175.00	5.00	75.00	1756.41
Big Meadows	J. L. Pyatte, Pyatte			156.89		50.00	800.00	35.00			1.00		1041.89
Belview	Flossie Gouge, Cranberry	150.34	955.67	363.00	52.00	80.90		66.48	114.35		5.00	133.24	809.97
Beech Mtn.	Fred Jones, Whaley	62.93	1491.72	575.39	32.00	175.50		62.23	155.00	151.16	5.25	114.60	1265.78
Cranberry	Mrs. Earl Greene, Cranberry	83.68	1513.01	360.00	120.00			142.19	64.92	175.00	9.00	414.84	1272.76
Chestnut Dale	D. S. Huffman, Frank		357.72	157.22		50.00		16.00		41.20	1.00		264.42
Crossnore	Mrs. Arvil Clark Crossnore	48.49	4600.41	1564.70	42.00	25.00		165.17	82.00	623.28	5.00	1971.61	4392.76
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk			490.55				45.00		151.05	4.00	80.00	676.60
Elk Park	C. S. Carroll, Elk Park	372.85	1155.83	375.00	104.51	224.23		57.22	71.82	65.00	3.00	427.40	1325.81
Fall Creek	Beulah Dugger, Heaton			453.86	119.95			38.85		90.06	5.00	257.86	959.86
Fairview	Dewey Hughes, Kalmia			308.07	93.50			5.00			2.60		407.00
Flat Springs	Geter Greene, Heaton			375.10	36.00			24.15		75.00	4.00	115.00	645.25
Green Valley	Guy Pittman, Kalmia	91.00		405.00	156.15			65.45	140.70	178.27	4.00	217.38	1162.95
Heaton	Grace Oaks, Heaton			50.00				30.00			.96		80.00
Henson Creek	Hobert Dellinger, Spear	193.90		238.00				59.00		330.00	2.00	14.00	662.54
Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell, Jonas Ridge	537.15		361.96	19.42	251.85		54.98		148.97	3.50	36.92	874.10
Long Ridge	Coy Woody, Jonas Ridge			190.69	136.80						3.00		327.49
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis	162.08	740.90	360.00	18.00	89.61		48.25		93.69	2.00	19.21	628.75
Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Pyatte	106.80	1466.01	653.64	87.80	820.86		62.87		123.85	3.00	54.00	1763.02
Newland	Finley Banner, Newland			2550.00	244.00	93.00		139.11	23.00	125.00	10.00	431.63	3605.74
Oak Grove	Wat Coffey, Newland			200.00	5.00						3.25		208.25
Pineola				100.00	30.00						5.00	69.24	189.61
Pleasant Hill	Roy W. Ollis, Frank		2087.78	500.00		982.31		70.00	50.00	105.00	5.00	87.00	1794.31
Pleasant Valley	Robert Hicks, Elk Park			268.00	28.85		151.00	41.70	16.05	22.05	2.00		
Powder Mill	T. J. Greene, Senia			450.00	282.00			43.60	39.29		2.00	38.00	852.99
Roaring Creek	Eva Hughes, Valley			94.95				12.00		85.00	2.00	45.00	236.95
Valley Haven	Mabel Smith, Banner Elk			105.00			3800.00	40.00		100.00	2.00		4045.00
Yellow Mtn.	T. J. Greene, Spear			327.00				36.90	10.00		4.00	121.24	495.25
	Totals	1809.50	16293.13	11852.10	1627.98	3757.39	4031.00	1513.88	849.59	2858.58	103.56	4705.17	33011.24

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, ELUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program (or Unified Budget)	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanage, Total Gifts	Designated to Hospitals	Relief and Annuity; Other Objects	Total Gifts for Missions	Grand Total for All Purposes	Balance All Funds
Aaron	H. F. Ledford, Montezuma	15.95							18.73		34.68	1791.09	132.99
Big Meadow	Mrs. L. W .Carpenter, Three Mile							99.00	23.00		122.00	1163.89	
Belview	Boyd Nicley, Cranberry	23.32	10.00	5.00	12.50	14.50		65.10	15.25		145.70	955.67	169.92
Beech Mtn.	Mrs .Hurst McGuire, Heaton			15.91	15.90	19.62		173.98	23.93		249.54	1496.57	58.00
Cranberry	Alberta Connell, Cranberry			20.00		30.00		25.00	40.00		115.00	1387.76	125.86
Chestnut Dale	Robert Sluder, Frank						38.00	12.40	36.41		86.81	351.23	6.49
Crossnore		120.00		15.00		12.00	6.00	77.00	21.00		207.00	4599.70	32.10
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk	95.71	5.00	13.75	38.26	147.11		103.41	20.00		1011.91	2181.95	
Elk Park	A. L. Cornett, Elk Park		23.00		39.51		49.80	83.79	19.30		215.40	1540.58	
Fall Creek	Glenn Jones, Heaton				55.30			23.45	7.00		85.75	1045.61	46.00
Fairview	Carl Cook, Kalmia												
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beach Creek							17.61		34.00	51.61	706.86	10.00
Green Valley	Mrs. Guy A. Pittman, Kalmia			8.50	7.00	15.83		61.44		15.00	128.32	1291.27	
Heaton													
Henson Creek	Stella Dellinger, Spear				15.00						15.00	676.64	193.00
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nell Shell, Jonas Ridge	22.35			13.50			116.25	4.79		156.89	1020.99	34.00
Long Ridge	Ronald Woody, Jonas Ridge									129.44			
Minneapolis	Mrs. Jeff Pyatt, Minneapolis	14.00						102.30	33.38	95.25	244.93	873.68	61.80
Mt. Pleasant	Omer Thompson, Hughes	3.00						66.12	27.58		96.76	1899.70	66.31
Newland	Mrs. J. W. Costner, Newland	410.66	50.00	60.00	42.65	80.00	200.00	160.00	100.00	102.00	1205.31	4811.05	3917.72
Oak Grove	Roger Nix, Newland							11.10	20.00		31.10	236.10	
Pineola	Mrs. Lloyd Thompson, Pineola	17.78						36.15			54.93	207.39	
Pleasant Hill	Lawerence Ollis, Frank					30.63		42.54	20.30		93.47	1887.78	
Pleasant Valley	W. R. Trivett, Elk Park	4.50								40.00	44.80	610.45	
Powder Mill	Lois Watson, Senia							20.00	10.00		30.00	882.99	
Roaring Creek	Mrs. Eva Hughes, Valley												
Valley Haven	Jack Hodge, Banner Elk								10.00		10.00	4045.00	
Yellow Mtn.	D. Buchanan, Spear							32.28	14.42	38.50	89.20	584.24	
	Totals	727.33	88.00	138.16	239.62	349.69	293.80	1328.92	465.09	454.19	4283.62	34360.41	4787.88

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. T. Teague, Chairman	Newland, N. C.
J. C. Brown, Vice Chairman	Cranberry, N. C.
A. G. Brooks	Crossnore, N. C.
R. T. Lewis	Minneapolis, N. C.
R. L. Painter, Historian	Balm, N. C.
Dewey Gouge	Cranberry, N. C.
Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary	Minneapolis, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OFFICER

Rev. J. C. Brown, Superintendent	Cranberry, N. C.
Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary	Minneapolis, N. C.

W. M. U. OFFICERS

Miss Edith Cardwell	Superintendent
Mrs. Emmett Gouge	Associate Superintendent
Mrs. J. Tanner	Young People's Director
Mrs. Kyle Banner	R. A. Counselor
Mrs. A. G. Brooks	Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. Herby Johnson	Community Mission Chairman
Mrs. Frank Angel	Stewardship Chairman
Mrs. Beatrice Banner	Literature Chairman
Mrs. Ruth Calloway	Secretary

B.T.U. DIRECTOR—George Johnson .... Crossnore, N. C.

COMMITTEES TO WRITE REPORTS NEXT SESSION

Program	J. C. Brown and Association Officers
Sunday Schools	J. C. Brown
B.T.U.	George Johnson
Periodicals	R. T. Teague
Education	A. G. Brooks
Obituaries	Vivian Brown
Stewardship	Mack Hodges
Orphanage	Eula V. Lecka
State of Churches	R. T. Lewis
Relief Annuity	V. W. Greene
Association Missions	Mrs. E. L. McCourry
Finance	Ed W. Buchanan

PASTORS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

W. F. Smith	Boone, N. C.
R. L. Painter	Balm, N. C.
D. N. Jones	Heaton, N. C.
Ned Hughes	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Ben Wood	Carderview, Tenn.
Vivian Brown	Minneapolis, N. C.
A. G. Brooks	Crossnore, N. C.
James Puckett	Kalmia, N. C.
William Grindstaff	Kalmia, N. C.
J. A. Buchanan	Spruce Pine, N. C.
T. R. Shew	Lenoir, N. C.
L. L. Estep	Newland, N. C.
J. W. Costner	Newland, N. C.
Donald Henley	Linville, N. C.
Ernest Bustle	Jonas Ridge, N. C.
Mack Hodges	Bakersville, N. C.
Earl Teaster	Carderview, Tenn.
Park Whitson	Bakersville, N. C.
Ira Hodges	Banner Elk, N. C.
Ted Braswell	Spruce Pine, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS. NOT PASTORS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

W. A. Braswell	Montezuma, N. C.
Frank Brown	Cranberry, N. C.
G. G. Blair	Valley, N. C.
Earl Carver	Banner Elk, N. C.
V. W. Greene	Pineola, N. C.
Glenn Gentry	Elk Park, N. C.
Calvin Guy	Whaley, N. C.
Troy Guy	Whaley, N. C.
T. C. Hicks	Elk Park, N. C.
Garfield Hughes	Valley, N. C.
Spencer McCloud	Cranberry, N. C.
C. H. New	Newland, N. C.
Jess Cook	Minneapolis, N. C.
Joe Phillips	Crossnore, N. C.
Jake Ollis	Plumtree, N. C.
L. W. Sudderth	Montezuma, N. C.
C. M. Thomas	Valley, N. C.
I. W. Woody	Kalmia, N. C.
L. W. Woody	Kalmia, N. C.
K. L. Haga	Newland, N. C.
Raymond Turbyfill	Cranberry, N. C.
Jeff Pyatte	Minneapolis, N. C.

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Ted Braswell	Spruce Pine, N. C.

MISSIONARY STUDENTS

Miss Marrianna Vance	From Crossnore Church
Gardner-Webb	
Miss Norma Pearl Ollis	Pleasant Hill Church
Detroit Baptist Bible Inst.	

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the various churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and every additional fifty or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Power and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and and requirements, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of th Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Officers

Art. 8. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator Clerk-Treasurer (one person), Historian, and an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the association and three laymen elected by the association, all of whom shall be elected after the letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office, except the clerk, to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session. The clerk shall continue until the minutes are printed and distributed.

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote ot fwo-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.

2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.

3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.

4. Receive new churches.

5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6. Fill any vacancy in organization.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Adopt and follow report of Committees on Order of Business as to subjects and discussion.

9. Election of officers.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

AARON—S. E. Pritchard, W. F. Henderson, Mrs. Victor Hayes.

BIG MEADOW—Homer Caloway, Albert Caloway.

BEECH MTN.—Hurst McGuire, Dud Trivett, Roy McGuire.

BELVIEW—Arnold Ollis, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gouge, Lucy Cook.

CRANBERRY—John Holsclaw, Mrs. J. C. Brown, Mrs. E. L. McCourry.

CHESTNUT DALE—R. L. Sluder, Geter Isaac, Lula Isaacs.

CROSSNORE—J. H. Vance, Mrs. Ive Johnson, Handy Bishop.

ELK VALLEY—Ed Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Truesdell.

ELK PARK—F. P. Guinn, Edith Cardwell, Mrs. Claud Isaacs.

FALL CREEK—B. F. McGuire, Novel Cook, D. C. Cook.

FAIR VIEW—Carl Cook, Jake Davis, L. W. Woody.

FLAT SPRINGS—Ray Harmon, Geter Greene, Don Phillips.

GREEN VALLEY—Mrs. Dock Ollis, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hall.

HENSON CREEK—Gurney Buchanan, Virginia Dellinger, Rachel Dellinger.

JONAS RIDGE—Nellie Shell, Tom Clark, Lester Shell.

LONG RIDGE—Dan Cole, L. B. Webb, J. B. Webb, Ronald Woody, Coy Woody.

MINNEAPOLIS—R. T. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lewis.

MT. PLEASANT—R. F. Horney, Mrs. Omar Thompson, Lucille Horney.

NEWLAND—Bruce Daniels, R. T. Teague, Mrs. Fred Taylor, Mrs. Finley Banner.

OAK GROVE—C. H. New, J. A. Ledford, Duard Cornett

PINEOLA—Jeff Buchanan, Grady Andrews, Ernest Ward.

PLEASANT HILL—Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Buchanan, Sr., Kermit Cooper.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Fred Hicks, Clarence Guyn, Walter Hicks.

POWDER MILL—Hick Buchanan, Howard Thomas, Rosa Thomas.

ROARING CREEK—

SUGAR MTN.—Ben Wise, R. L. Braswell, M. C. Braswell.

VALLEY HAVEN—Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hodges.

WHITES MEMORIAL——Ted Braswell, Coy Combs.

YELLOW MTN.—Vester Stafford, Austin Buchanan.

PROCEEDINGS—FIRST DAY

AUGUST 24

The Avery County Baptist Association met in Thirty-Ninth Annual Session with Aaron Church. The Moderator, J. W. Costner, called the meeting to order.

1. Song service led by the Rev. W. F. Smith. Worship services was conducted by Ira Hodges. Prayer by Tom Clark.

2. ORGANIZATION.

Roll call of Churches and twenty-seven answered by letter and messengers. And also two new Churches asked for admission to membership in our Association, to-wit: White's Memorial and Sugar Mountain. The Moderator appointed the following committee to examine the Deacons: R. T. Teague, R. T. Lewis and R. L. Painter.

3. Election of officers after the Moderator asked to be relieved of the work. He asked Dr. W. F. Smith to chair and the following were elected:

Rev. J. C. Brown—Moderator
Rev. A. G. Brooks—Vice Moderator
Ed W. Buchanan—Clerk and Treasurer
R. L. Painter Hitsorian
Dewey Gouge, R. T. Lewis, R. T. Teague—Executive Committee.

4. New pastors and visitors were Ted Braswell and William Grindstaff. New Pastors. Visitors. V. H. Parker from Sandy Run Association, Marshall Ward from Stony Fork Association, and Bruce Buchanan and Frank Parsons of Mitchell Association.

5. On motion an offering was taken to help in printing which was $17.30.

6. The following subjects were taken up and reports read and discussed and adopted. Sunday School Work Report was read by J. C. Brown and discussed by him and W. A. Braswell. And the B.T.U. Report was read by Mrs. Kyle Banner and adopted. The following committee was appointed to select B.T.U. Chairman: Mrs. Kyle Banner, W. F. Henderson and Mrs. A. G. Brooks. Committee on Place and Preacher: W. W. Braswell, L. L. Estep and George Johnson.

7. Long Ridge Church asked for letter of dismission to join Stony Fork Association and after some objection as to their being and actually practicing the Baptist Doctrine the Moderator appointed committee to make an investigation: Dr. W. F. Smith, chairman; Mack Hodges, J. D. Braswell Sr., A. G. Brooks, J. C. Brown and Ned Hughes.

8. Annual Sermon, by Dr. W. F Smith, was enjoyed by all. The Committee on Resolutions appointed was D. N. Jones, A. G. Brooks and W. W. Braswell.

9. Adjourned for lunch with Prayer by D. N. Jones.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY

1. Met at 1:15.

After Song Service the Devotion was conducted by Rev. Ted Braswell. The Committee Reports on the New Churches as follows:

We have investigated the Articles of Faith and of the Church Covenants of Sugar Mountain and of White's Memorial Churches and found them ORTHODOX in the Baptist Belief and Customs and they in our opinion are practicing them and we find them worthy in every respect and recommend that they be admitted to Avery Baptist Association, in full fellowship.

R. T. Teague, R. T. Lewis and R. L. Painter, Committee

On motion, the above named churches were admitted in full fellowship to the Avery Baptist Association and were given the right hand of fellowship and welcomed to our body.

2. The Committee on the Orthodoxy of Long Ridge Church made a report as follows:

We do not have enough information to pass on this issue at this time. We recommend that this action be suspended until next year so complete information can be had and the investigation can be made. We recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee of five to further this investigation.

Signed: Dr. W. F. Smith, Chairman; Mack Hodges, A. G. Brooks, J. C. Brown, J. D. Braswell Sr., Committee.

On motion made and carried the above committee was to continue this investigation until concluded.

3. W.M.U. Report read by Edith Cardwell and discussed by Miss Cardwell and adopted.

4. EVANGELISM

Read by J. W. Costner and he introduced Dr. J. C. Canipe who brought in our opinion one of the messages that will not be forgotten soon. Full of the appeal that it's our business to tell the Story of Salvation to whole world, especially in our own Southland in the coming campaign.

After Prayer by Dr. Canipe the Report was adopted.

5. RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS

Read and discussed by Rev. Mack Hodges.

6. PUBLIC MORALS

Discussed by Evangelist T. B. Freeman and later adopted.

7. On motion adjourned with Prayer by A. G. Brooks.

PROCEEDINGS—SECOND DAY

AUGUST 25

Meeting With Newland Church

Met at 9:30.

1. Song Service. The Devotion was conducted by Rev. Frank Brown.

2. Visitors and correspondents were D. L. L. Carpenter, editor Biblical Recorder, and Dr. Claud F. Gaddy, Council of the Board of Education of Baptist State Convention, and Dr. Eugene Olive of Wake Forest.

3. Reports on Education not ready but Dr. Olive gave us a fine message on Christian Education.

Relief and Annuity Report read by J. H. Vance and discussed by him and adopted.

Cooperative Program Report read by R. T. Teague. Discussed by Claud F. Gaddy and L. L. Carpenter gave a short message on Religious Literature.

Rev. J. C. Pipes and Rev. C. W. Baum came in and were welcomed by the Moderator. And M .A. Huggins, Secretary State Board, gave the Association an address on the whole program which was much enjoyed. And Dr. Huggins introduced Rev. W. C. Reed, general manager of our Orphanages.

Adjourned for lunch with Prayer by Rev. C. W. Baum.

AFTERNOON SECOND DAY

Met at 1:15. Song.

1. Worship Service by J. C. Pipes.

2. The Report on Hospitals was read by J. C. Brown and Dr. W. K. McGee brough greetings and discussed the Report.

On motion Rev. D. N. Jones was elected Hospital Representative.

3. Orphanage Report read by Eula V. Lecka and Rev. W. C. Reid discussed and gave a fine message on our Orphanage Work. And Mrs. Eula V. Lecka was elected Orphanage Representative.

4. Finance Report read and adopted (See Reports).

Obituaries read and adopted by J. A. Buchanan. Song "We Are Passing Away".

5. Place and Preacher read and adopted.

Resolutions read by A. G. Brooks and adopted.

Motion made and passed that the clerk be allowed $25.00 for his services.

6. The retiring Moderator called the newly elected officers to the stand and gave them his hand in token that he would help in any way possible and turned the gavel over to Rev. J. C. Brown.

7. Bro. Brown called on A. G. Brooks who brought a fine message on Stewardship and an earnest appeal to be found faithful.

Adjourned to meet a year hence with Prayer by A. G. Brooks.

J. W. Costner, Moderator
Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk

REPORT ON HOSPITAL

Our hospital is rendering a wonderful service to the suffering. Often when a patient cannot be ministered to by local doctors and hospitals they are referred to our hospital. Many of these cannot pay for care and have to be cared for by Mother's Day Offering.

The hospital is very crowded. Much more space is needed. We declined money offered by the government to build an addition to the hospital because we believed it to be a violation of our cherished principle of separation of church and state. At this time we are raising the money to build the addition by freewill offerings. We recommend that our churches take a special offering for this purpose in September.

Let us support our hospital in order that it may serve suffering humanity.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Roby L. Painter

EVANGELISM

Th propogation of the "good news" of our Savior should be first and foremost in the life of every Child of the family of God. It is the fundamental doctrine of the Gospel, especially the atonement, justification by faith and regeneration.

In the life of our Lord He instructed again and again His disciples as to where, when and how they were to witness and win the people to a saving knowledge to He Himself.

To fully understand what we call the "great commission" one should master the command of Jesus to the Twelve Disciples in Matthew 10:15. Then, the final words of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20 will open up as the greatest challenge and opportunity given by our Savior to all who love and obey him, with a promise to be with those who propogate the "good news" until the ages are consumed.

Revivals, or special days of endeavor to reach the lost man, woman, boy or girl are blessed privileges to each and every one of us. These, however, carry out only a part of our Program of Evangelism. The proper instructions, "teaching them to observe all things," is as fundamental in our work as the first part of the instructions. If each of us who know the Lord would strive daily to win some one to our Savior, we would soon take America and the World for God and His Christ.

Time and space will not permit the effort to refresh our memories of the vivid examples of our Savior during his public ministry in reaching down to pull a lost person from the mirey clay of sin. See Jesus at the well, tired and hungry, yet with a hunger to win the wayfaring woman that came to get water for her home, as she engaged in the conversation she was given the "water of life" that sent her on her way to propogate the good news. See Jesus as he looked up at the tree-climbing politician by the name of Zacheous, in the home Jesus gave Eternal Life to Zacheous and those he loved.

We, too, like Andrew need the spirit of sharing with those we love and with the world the saving knowledge of one we have come to know as Savior and Lord. If there had been no desire in Andrew's heart to win his brother, perhaps we would have had no Simon Peter to preach on the day of Pentecost.

All Baptist Churches east of the Mississippi River will have the glorious privilege in March 1951 to join in a cooperated effort to try to win the millions that are lost without God and hope in a Simultaneous Revival of giving "Good News" to those who know Him not in a free pardon of sins. Our State Convention is exceedingly fortunate in having the dynamic, consecrated and highly capable leadership of Dr. J. C. Canipe who will lead us as we go forward for God. Let each Patsor and Church plan today to cooperate without reservation.

We need not be reminded that our World is numerically LOST without God and Hope. Our Sons and Daughters are paying the supreme price in an undeclared war to preserve our freedom and opportunities. What are we doing to show that they are justified? The world is in the grip of the shackles of sin. God has only one method of propogation; that method is His own Children bought through and by the blood of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. In the language of that great English Statesman, Lloyd George, "It is to be Christ or Chaos."

J. W. Costner

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Churches last year	$103.33	
Offering last year	25.22	
Former Treasurer	108.82	
		$237.37
Paid for Printing Minutes	$105.50	
Paid Clerk	25.00	
Paid Former Treasurer	8.82	
For S. S. Association Programs	1.25	
Association Programs	8.00	
Postage to Date	10.00	
Total Paid		$158.57
Received from Churches and Offering This Year	$119.32	
Balance from Last Year	85.05	
Balance to Date		$204.37

Ed W. Buchanan

ORPHANAGE REPORT

As your orphanage representative it gives me great pleasure to report that we not only paid off the indebtedness of year before last, the sum of $26,000 overdraft it being due to having to repair the old buildings and to erect some new ones but we gave last year $566,000 more than we spent, more than had ever been given in one year to carry on our work. The appeal to you was not in vain for which we are very grateful to you and thankful to God. On March 21st this year the Executors of the Robert M. Idole estate turned over to the orphanage $586,000 to be used to build a church at Mills Home in memory of his mother, and Vocational Building which the trustees feel should be to memory of Mr. Idole himself.

This is the largest single gift the orphanage has ever received and the contract has been let and the construction will start soon.

Last year we cared for 793 children. The health of our children was excellent, 14 graduating from Mills Home and Kennedy Home 5. Our pastor at Mills Home, the Rev. John Walton, baptized 70. There are some changes in the personnel. Dr. Zeno Wall retired and Rev. W. C. Reed who has been with Kennedy Home is now our general superintendent of all the orphanage work. Mr. Riman Muth is the new treasurer. W. A. Smith of Boone takes over the work at Kennedy Home. Mr. J. Mase Grant was reelected editor of Charity and Children.

With 65 years of glorious service back of us, with the new and old personnel laboring together, with God's help, with scores of homeless children calling to us for shelter and food and with unfaltering faith in God who hath never forsaken the righteous nor let his seed beg bread let us continue to pray and give to our orphanages and thus carry on the great work.

The churches that have not given to our orphanages will in that day come up barren before God, and are now classified as worse than an infidel because they have neglected their own children.

Rspectfully,
Eula V. Lecka

B. T. U. REPORT

Theme for 1950: In Christ is God's everlasting YES.

Christ is truly the answer to every question, the solution to every problem, the hope of every individual in the world torn by grief, hatred and disease.

The Training Union is bringing God's everlasting YES to groups of boys and girls, men and women all over the land hoping to give them a vision of the all sufficient Savior who alone can fill men's hearts with love for God and one another and blot out the horror of war, hatred and disease. Adults and young people who are attending and taking part in this training are receiving valuable instructions.

God grant that many others will see the need of Christian growth which comes through studying God's word and training.

Our aim and prayerful hope is that every church will operate Training Union.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kyle Banner
Mrs. Bessie Price

On recommendation of Mrs. Kyle Banner, W. F. Henderson and Mrs. A. G. Brooks George Johnson of Crossnore was elected Training Director for Avery Association.

TIME — PLACE — PREACHER

To The Avery County Association, Greetings:

We, your committee on place and preacher for the year of 1951, respectfully submit the following after carefully making a study of all the letters presented by the Churches of the Association and also a study of places of the meetings of the Association since 1912, we recommend that the next meeting be held, first day, Aug. 23, 1951, with Elk Valley Church and the second day, Aug. 24, 1951, with Valley Haven and that Rev. A. G. Brooks bring the annual sermon with Rev. L. L. Estep as his alternate.

Committee:
W. W. Braswell
George Johnson
L. L. Estep

RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." This puts the Bible at the head of all other literature. We agree that it should be read in every home and in gatherings everywhere. It is God speaking to man.

We are living in a great day of invention and development in the universe. Never at any time in the age of printing have more pages flooded the presses. During the past years of war presses have turned out propaganda for the millions of people to read. Does this mean anything when the minds of our church people have been filled with the wrong ideas and conceptions? It has been said by one that the pen is mightier than the sword.

Our nation is flooded today with all kinds of literature, printed matters of all kinds, comics, papers and magazines We hear much through radio and by the press. Much that is read, heard and seen is demoralizing to the growth and deevlopment of wholesome Christian living.

Therefore the need of the world is literature that is sound. Our Baptist Sunday School Board publishes literature that meets the need of every age group from the Cradle Roll up in our Sunday School. Baptists should use it.

What we read and the source from where it comes makes a difference.

Baptists have as their guide this great book called the Holy Bible, and it is our only guide. But there are several other types of literature that Baptists use and believe in. The Commission, Home Mission, Biblical Recorder, the Charity and Children are worthy of mention and are used by many Baptists. The Commisison is our Foreign Mission paper and should be in every Baptist home. The Home Mission covers the work of the Baptists in the Southland. The Biblical Recorder covers the work of our state in the Lord's cause. The Charity and Children covers the news and the work of the Mills Home at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home at Kinston.

There are various books published by the Baptist Board which cover every phase of our work and should be in every church library or home. We believe that in all literature none can be found better than that publishd by the Baptists. I highlly recommend, Church Membrs Handbook by Joe T. Odle, published by the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Mack Hodge

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program includes all of Christ's program for evangelizing the world except our orphanages. This takes care of our missionary, educational and social work.

Our contributions to the Cooperative Program are growing steadily, but not in proportion to our abilities to pay.

Pray that God may lay more heavily upon the hearts of our Baptist people the urgent need for greater efforts in this field of our Christian work.

R. T. Teague

REPORT ON PUBLIC MORALS

In Luke 21:34 our Lord in most solemn words says, Take heed to yourselves lest at anytime your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life, so that day come upon you unawares.

There has been some great gains made over the morals of our great county and state in liquor problems through the fight of Christianity with our law enforcement.

However, this problem is not solved of immoral living in the homes of our great county, and will not until the parent takes heed to Holy abstain from the very appearance of evil.

We feel to keep our country clean above reproach will take clean living in our homes, our church and our every day living

However as we look back to the past, did you know that not one teenager voted to repeal the 18th Amendment? Did you know that the youth did not build the road houses of America? Did you know that the youth were never licensed to sell intoxicating beverage?

Did you know that the youth is not responsible for Sunday Movies and the gambling machine which now goes under the name of the Jack Pot.

We should endeavor to put this public immoral out of our county.

Let us look at the failure of Eli who failed in training his sons.

Let us arise to the good morals which our Savior taught.

Respectfully submitted,
D. N. Jones

W. M. U. REPORT

"What Would You Like To Be Doing When Jesus Comes?"

This is a question that, if given serious consideration, would cause us to increase our zeal for him and make us ashamed of the feeble efforts we put forth in his name.

The year just passed has shown no increase in Woman's Missionary Union to other churches in our Association. Only these churches—Aaron, Belview, Crossnore, Elk Park, Elk Valley and Newland churches have reported organizations. However, we believe that the work has been somewhat strengthened during the past year.

A 10% increase in giving to the Cooperative Program has been attained; several study classes have been held; the Annual Associational Woman's Missionary Union meeting held with Aaron Church on June 9, 1950 was well attended by all churches with W. M. U. organizations at which time Miss Tanner, Missionary to Nigeria was with us, as well as Miss Laura Frances Snow, Field Representative.

The plans for the year ahead are for increased emphasis on "evangelism" and the young people.

Representatives have been to Divisional Meeting at West Jefferson last fall, to the Executive Council Meeting at Raleigh, to Ridgecrest, and to the Camp at Fruitland. We hope that the spiritual inspiration received will be relayed to our Association.

Council meetings each quarter have been held and are scheduled for the year ahead. A leadership conference is planned for January. The Divisional Meeting will be with Newland Church on June 8, 1951.

Edith Cardwell

RESOLUTIONS

Be It Resolved that this Association thank the good people of Montezuma and of Newland who so wonderfully entertained and fed this body. May God's richest blessings be with the good ladies who prepared the food.

Committee:
Rev. D. N. Jones
Rev. A. G. Brooks

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We had 18 Bible schools taught this year of 1 week each. Miss Melba Hicks and Miss Esma Shelton were the teachers. There were several conversions in these schools. This was the largest Bible school ever held in our county.

Our Annual Sunday School Association was held at Pleasant Valley.

Cranberry was the largest attendance in Bible Schools with 60; Crossnore second with 59. The Rev. A. G. Brooks had Charge of this work.

May we still have a better School Program next year.

J. C. Brown, Superintendent

MINUTES OF THE AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Association met with Pleasant Valley July 21st at 9:30. Rev. V. W. Greene, Moderator, called the meeting to order. After singing led by Ed W. Buchanan, the devotion was led by Rev. J. C. Brown. Program read and adopted. Roll Call of Sunday Schools, with the following Respondance: Big Meadow with 4 delegates: Belview, 2 delegates; Cranberry 6; Elk Park 1; Newland 3; Oak Grove 2; Pineola 1; Pleasant Hill, 2; Pleasant Valley, All; Valley Haven, 2.

Committees appointed on Resolutions, Dewey Gouge, A. G. Brooks, Ed Buchanan. On Time and Place, Mrs. E. L. McCourry, R. T. Teague and Ira Hodges.

ORGANIZATION

Rev. J. C. Brown was elected superintendent, and Ed. W. Buchanan secretary. Subject to approval by the association. Rev. W. G. Baum of Boone and Rev. D. C. Wesson of Spruce Pine gave the association two fine messages which was much enjoyed and appreciated by the audience. Adjourned with prayer by J. M. Costner.

AFTERNOON

After a good dinner served at the Church the Asso. met at 1:15 Song, "Jesus Paid It All". Devotion conducted by A. G. Brooks. Prayer led by J. D. Braswell, Sr. An offering was taken for printing programs, and the amount was $5.25. A fine message by R. T. Teague on "What Baptists Believe and Why".

Report on Time and Place. We recommend that the next session be held with Big Meadow Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1951.

Mrs. E. L. McCourry, R. T. Teague, Ira Hodges, Committee.

Report on Resolutions read by A. G. Brooks.

Resolve that the Supt. is vested and asked to appoint to help him in Sunday School work the local superintendents and try and to work them in fields or groups.

No. 2. Resolve that this Association express our thanks to the good folks of Pleasant Valley for the fine dinner today.

Bro. J. D. Braswell made us a good talk on the Sunday School work.

Adjourned to meet a year hence with Big Meadow, with song "How Firm a Foundation," and prayer by Howard Cook.

Rev. V. W. Greene, Moderator
Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord (Rev. 14-13)
Since our last meeting twenty of our beloved brothers and sisters have departed this life to be with our Lord to wit;

Mr. Todd Buchanan
Mrs. S. L. Franklin
Miss Grace Guinn
Mrs. Addie Shirley
Mr. Clyde Potter
Mrs. Louise Carpenter
Mrs. Robert Sparks
Mrs. Julia Burleson
Mr. Joe Eavins
Mr. Vance Hicks
Mrs. Polly Grindstaff
Deacon W. M. Holsclaw
Mrs. W. M. Cook
Mrs. Minnie Johnson
Mrs. Sis Brockwell
Mrs. Florence McGuire
Mr. Monroe Gragg
Mrs. Polly Harmon
Mr. Clyde Greene
Deacon Frank Jones

Humbly submitted,
By Rev. J. A. Buchanan

Historical and Statistical Tables

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powdermill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
		R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill and Minneapolis	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyatt
1946	Jonas Ridge and Oak Grove	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1947	Cranberry	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Frank Brown
1948	Powdermill	V. W. Greene	Ed. W. Buchanan	Dayton Jones
1949	Crossnore and Mt. Pleasant	D. N. Jones	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ben Wood
1950	Aaron and Newland	J. W. Costner	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. F. Smith

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	No. Years Present Pastor Has Served Church	Does Pastor Live On Church Field?
Aaron		2-4	W. F. Smith, Boone, N. C.	6	7	1	101	21	122	2			No
Big Meadow	1862	2-4	R. L. Painter, Balm, N. C.	4		14	91	64	155	1		4	No
Beech Mtn.	1869	1-3	D. N. Jones, Heaton, N. C.	6		7	116	53	169	1		4	No
Belview	1922	1-3	Ned Hughes, Spruce Pine, N. C.	2	1	2	59	46	105	2			No
Cranberry	1904	1-4	Ben Wood, Carderview, Tenn.	5		3	82	36	118	1			No
Chestnut Dale		1-3	Vivian Brown, Minneapolis, N. C.						81	2			No
Crossnore	1907	All	A. G. Brooks, Crossnore, N. C.	20	5	6	141	67	208	2	51	3	Yes
Elk Valley	1882	1-3	D. N. Jones, Heaton	16	3	6			173	2			No
Elk Park		1-3	W. F. Smith, Boone		1	1			72				No
Fall Creek	1885	1-3	D. N. Jones, Heaton	26	7	4			204	1			No
Fair View		1-3	James Puckett, Kalmia	5	5				74	1			No
Flat Springs	1902	1-3	D. N. Jones, Heaton	8		3	185		218	1			No
Green Valley	1886	2-4	Will Grindstaff, Kalmia	7	4	9	90	32	122	1			No
Henson Creek		1-3	J. A. Buchanan, Spruce Pine	6		2	85	31	116	1			No
Jonas Ridge	1933	1-3	No Pastor	2					81	2			No
Long Ridge		2	T. R. Shew, Lenoir	7	11	4			80	2		4	No
Minneapolis		1-4	D. N. Jones, Heaton	2		3	77	39	116	1			No
Mt. Pleasant	1869	1-3	L. L. Estep, Newland			2	138	22	160	2			No
Newland	1921	All	J. W. Costner, Newland	2	2	2	150	81	231	1	10	4	Yes
Oak Grove		1-3-4	Donald Henly, Linville	9		2	56	15	71	1			No
Pineola		2-4	Ernest Bustle, Jonas Ridge	8	6	10	47	37	84	3		2	No
Pleasant Hill	1905	1-3	Mack Hodges, Bakersville	32	2	5	221	117	338	2		2	No
Pleasant Valley	1893	1-3	Earl Teaster, Carderview, Tenn.	13	1	14	60	75	135	1			No
Powder Mill	1914	1-3	Ned Hughes, Mimpro	11	1	2			98	2			No
Roaring Creek	1871	3	Park Whitson, Bakersville	1			74	10	84	1			No
Sugar Mtn.	1950	3	Ernest Bustle, Jonas Ridge	7	3		10		10				No
Valley Haven	1948	2-4	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	2	6				47	1			No
Whites Memorial	1950	2-4	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	14	15				29	1			No
Yellow Mtn.		2-4	R. L. Painter, Balm			2	75	44	119	1			No
TOTALS				221	77	104	1858	788	3598	39	61	23	

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance
Aaron	S. E. Pritchard, Montezuma	11		11		12	14	18	30	10	95	65	44	39
Big Meadow	Homer Caloway, Plumtree			12	12	10	30		23	4	90	80	30	30
Beech Mtn.	Roy McGuire, Heaton			9	15	25	20	22	25	10	123	75	60	50
Belview	Julis Ollis, Cranberry	4	8	14	12	14	14	15	55	8	137	80	38	34
Cranberry	John Holsclaw, Cranberry		18	15	19	25	32	20	35		164	80	74	60
Chestnut Dale	Nettie Farmer, Hughes			10		8		35	20	8	81	50		
Crossnore	Kenneth Johnson, Crossnore	16	15	13	13	15	15	26	35	3	151	130	64	50
Elk Valley	Stuart Blair, Banner Elk										150			
Elk Park	Harold Winters, Elk Park			6	6	6	12	16	50		78	50	39	30
Fall Creek	Novel Cook, Heaton			14	8	18	13	15	30	10	150	90		
Fair View	L. W. Woody, Kalmia						(No Report)							
Flat Springs	Russell Norris, Beech Creek			36		25	28	26	45		159	100		
Green Valley	Guy Pittman, Kalmia		3	12	7	10	13	12	20		79	60		
Henson Creek	Ezell Burleson, Spear			10		12	12	10	12	4	60	50		
Jonas Ridge	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge	8		3	9	9	10	7	12		57	50		
Long Ridge	Roy Woody, Jonas Ridge			28		12			50			75		
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis										80	60	33	33
Mt. Pleasant	Isaac Clark, Crossnore		30	20		15	13	30	25		135	75	40	35
Newland	Bruce Daniel, Newland		3	10	15	15	20	12	30	3	108	75	60	50
Oak Grove	Duard Cornett, Newland			8		24		20	31	5	88	65	27	25
Pineola	Loyd Thompson, Pineola		7		13	19		42	13		90	40		
Pleasant Hill	Vance Buchanan, Jr., Minneapolis		8	12	16	20	24	40	60	10	190	105	68	56
Pleasant Valley	Fred Hicks, Elk Park			11	9	16	7	11	21		75	50	35	26
Powder Mill	Howard Thomas, Seina			15		15		30	15		75	60		
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes, Valley			8	10	11	12	10		4	65	45		
Sugar Mtn.	Mrs. Hugh Braswell, Newland										69	50		
Valley Haven	Larry Draughan, Banner Elk			10	6	12	15	15	20		78	55	32	32
Whites Memorial	Hubert Carpenter, Ingalls		3	10	10	11	4		12		50	43	43	39
Yellow Mtn.	Vestor Stafford, Spear			15	15	15		24	20		89	70		
TOTALS		39	95	312	194	397	308	456	689	77	2767	1828	687	599

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Nursery Units	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Aaron	Eliott Hayes, Montezuma	1	15	18	15		8	56	40
Beech Mtn.	Mrs. Fin Trivett, Whaley	1	25	32			4	25	32
Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCourry, Cranberry	1	14	11			3	23	22
Crossnore	George Johnson, Crossnore	1	15	15	20	15	2	87	50
Elk Park	Miss Alice Cooley, Elk Park	1			30			30	18
Fall Creek	Junior Smith, Whaley	1	8	11	10	8	2	39	32
Flat Springs	Ray Harmon, Heaton	1	18	8	12	8		84	46
Newland	Mrs. J. W. Costner, Newland	1	7	12				19	10
TOTALS									

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Total Enrolled
Aaron	Mrs. S. E. Pritchard, Montezuma	1	12		12
Belview	Mrs. Flossie Gouge, Cranberry	1	21		21
Crossnore	Mrs. Herbie Johnson, Crossnore	1	17	8	25
Elk Park	Mrs. Alice Cooley, Elk Park	1	26		26
Newland	Mrs. Paul Vance, Newland	1	9		9
TOTALS					

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Money Borrowed, Sale of Property, etc.	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total Local Expense
Aaron	Mrs. Kyle Banner, Montezuma	400.00	48.00	317.00	54.00	68.00	31.00	300.00	200.00	25.00	1045.00	516.00	1561.00
Big Meadow	Don E. Carpenter, Three Mile	100.00			1000.00	41.00		45.00		50.00	1136.00	109.00	1245.00
Beech Mtn.	Fred Jones, Whaley		36.00	27.00		120.00	130.00	258.00		20.00	590.00	315.00	905.00
Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry		52.00	80.00		68.00	145.00	75.00		129.00	543.00	300.00	843.00
Cranberry	Mrs. Earl Green, Cranberry		120.00	520.00	60.00	112.00	55.00	150.00	143.00	15.00	1200.00	360.00	1560.00
Chestnut Dale	D. S. Huffman, Frank		24.00					60.00			84.00	185.00	269.00
Crossnore	Mrs. L. W. Clark, Crossnore		72.00	25.00	517.00	100.00	25.00	250.00		100.00	1089.00	1600.00	2689.00
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk		60.00	64.00	871.00	65.00	84.00	170.00		100.00	1100.00	460.00	1550.00
Elk Park	Sedrick Isaacs, Elk Park		33.00	64.00		72.00	5.00			115.00	288.00	360.00	640.00
Fall Creek	Bulah Dugger, Heaton		72.00		3000.00	50.00		105.00		106.00	3333.00	486.00	3800.00
Fair View	Dewey Hughes, Kalmia				44.00	5.00					49.00	233.00	282.00
Flat Springs	Jeter Greene, Heaton		38.00		184.00	16.00		52.00		44.00	372.00	243.00	615.00
Green Valley	Guy Pittman, Kalmia		167.00	94.00		63.00	81.00	120.00		125.00	659.00	496.00	1160.00
Henson Creek	Hobert Dellinger, Spear					32.00		150.00		50.00	229.00	415.00	644.00
Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell, Jonas Ridge		36.00	38.00		57.00	5.00	121.00		68.00	314.00	413.00	729.00
Long Ridge	L. B. Gouge, Pineola		58.00		140.00	85.00					725.00	177.00	902.00
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis			397.00		48.00	16.00	54.00		73.00	545.00	360.00	948.00
Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Newland		77.00	132.00		51.00	52.00	383.00		45.00	800.00	390.00	1190.00
Newland	Finley Banner, Newland		244.00	155.00		225.00	28.00	141.00		836.00	1630.00	2600.00	4230.00
Oak Grove	Walter Coffey, Newland		60.00	77.00	25.00	34.00		113.00			309.00	185.00	494.00
Pineola	Mrs. Ernest Ward, Pineola		46.00			36.00		400.00	40.00	37.00	560.00	175.00	635.00
Pleasant Hill	Roy W. Ollis, Frank		75.00	92.00	2075.00	92.00	438.00	85.00		44.00	2896.00	781.00	3678.00
Pleasant Valley	Robert Hicks, Elk Park			43.00		72.00	20.00	36.00		17.00	188.00	130.00	315.00
Powder Mill	T. J. Greene, Seina					52.00		141.00		51.00	243.00	441.00	684.00
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Valley		94.00				14.00	44.00			192.00	93.00	285.00
Sugar Mtn.	R. L. Braswell, Montezuma												
Valley Haven	Mrs. Paul Smith, Banner Elk					50.00		125.00	300.00	139.00	614.00	200.00	814.00
Whites Memorial	Coy Combs, Ingalls				625.00	44.00	57.00	221.00		45.00	1010.00	35.00	1045.00
Yellow Mtn.	T. J. Greene, Spear					44.00				98.00	140.00	216.00	356.00
	Totals	500.00	1412.00	2125.00	8589.00	1612.00	1186.00	3495.00	683.00	2322.00	21883.00	12264.00	13371.00

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes	Total Church Debt At End of Year
Aaron	James Sudderth, Montezuma	7.00						8.00	44.00		61.00	1681.00	200.00
Big Meadow	Mrs. L. W. Carpenter, Three Mile							61.00	12.00		73.00	1318.00	100.00
Beech Mtn.	Mrs. Hurst McGuire, Heaton		14.00				18.00	36.00	20.00		87.00	992.00	
Belview	John Buchanan, Cranberry	3.00	5.00	15.00	12.00	12.00		20.00	46.00		113.00	956.00	
Cranberry	Mrs. Johnnie McCoury, Cranberry	3.00		35.00	17.00	18.00		35.00	55.00		163.00	1699.00	130.00
Chestnut Dale								14.00	8.00	27.00	49.00	319.00	
Crossnore	Mrs. William Aldridge, Crossnore	120.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	60.00	50.00	60.00	540.00	3230.00	
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk	45.00						49.00				1529.00	440.00
Elk Park	Edith Cardwell, Elk Park	53.00	10.00	35.00	15.00	25.00	1.00	60.00	27.00	34.00	280.00	928.00	
Fall Creek	D. C. Cook, Whaley			15.00				58.00	12.00		85.00	3905.00	
Fair View	Carl Cook, Kalmia												
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek							43.00	5.00	23.00		609.00	
Green Valley	Mrs. Ernest Pittman, Kalmia							38.00	20.00		58.00	1213.00	
Henson Creek	Stella Dellinger, Spear								12.00	30.00		685.00	
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie Shell, Jonas Ridge			15.00		5.00		103.00	6.00		129.00	857.00	
Long Ridge	Ronald Woody, Jonas Ridge												
Minneapolis	Mrs. Bernice Vance, Minneapolis			10.00				79.00	33.00	150.00	271.00	1218.00	300.00
Mt. Pleasant	Isaac Clark, Crossnore				50.00			52.00	44.00		146.00	1274.00	
Newland	Mrs. J. W. Costner, Newland	373.00	100.00	60.00	62.00	51.00	61.00	160.00	100.00	104.00	1071.00	5400.00	
Oak Grove	Duard Cornett, Newland						15.00	18.00	24.00		58.00	552.00	
Pineola	Mrs. Lloyd Thompson, Pineola							5.00			5.00	736.00	
Pleasant Hill	Lawrence Ollis, Frank		17.00	26.00		62.00	125.00	40.00	35.00		305.00	3985.00	1100.00
Pleasant Valley	Fred Hicks, Elk Park			9.00				6.00	10.00	10.00	35.00	350.00	
Powder Mill	Jean Freeman, Senia							10.00				898.00	
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Valley												
Sugar Mtn.	James Potea, Montezuma												
Valley Haven	Jack Hodges, Banner Elk			10.00				17.00	42.00	20.00	89.00	1002.00	
Whites Memorial	Mrs. Pearl Braswell, Spruce Pine			3.00					14.00		17.00	1064.00	
Yellow Mtn.	Vester Stafford, Spear						10.00		7.00	75.00	92.00	470.00	
	TOTALS	604.00	146.00	273.00	206.00	223.00	280.00	973.00	625.00	543.00	3627.00	38800.00	2270.00

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DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR—Mack Hodges	Bakersville, N. C.
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CLERK - TREASURER—Ed W. Buchanan	Minneapolis, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mack Hodges, Chairman	Bakersville, N. C.
D. N. Jones, Vice Chairman	Heaton, N. C.
R. L. Painter, Historian	Balm, N. C.
W. W. Braswell	Newland, N. C.
J. H. Vance	Crossnore, N. C.
Dewey Gouge	Cranberry, N. C.
Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary	Minneapolis, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Ted Braswell, Superintendent	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary	Minneapolis, N. C.

W. M. U. OFFICERS

W. M. N. Supt., Miss Edith Cardwell	Elk Park, N. C.
B. T. U., Rev. Vivian Brown	Minneapolis, N. C.
Orphanage, A. I. Greene	Whaley, N. C.
Hospital Rep., Ira Hodges	Banner Elk, N. C.

COMMITTEES TO WRITE REPORTS NEXT SESSION

Program	Mack Hodges, Ed W. Buchanan
Sunday Schools	Ted Braswell
B. T. U.	Vivian Brown
Periodicals	R. T. Teague
Education	W. W. Braswell
Orphanage	A. I. Greene
Relief Annuity	A. G. Brooks
Stewardship	Eula V. Lecka
Hospitals	Ira Hodges
Evangelism	Mack Hodges
Finance	Ed W. Buchanan
Cooperative Program	J. W. Costner

PASTORS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

R. L. Painter	Balm, N. C.
Ted Braswell	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Lawrence Hagaman	Beech Creek, N. C.
Ned Hughes	Spruce Pine, N. C.
C. A. Buchanan	Toecane, N. C.
Vivian Brown	Minneapolis, N. C.
A. G. Brooks	Crossnore, N. C.
D. N. Jones	Heaton, N. C.
W. F. Smith	Boone, N. C.
Lee Pittman	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Bynum Trivett	Boone, N. C.
William Grindstaff	Kalmia, N. C.
Jeff Willis	Toecane, N. C.
W. S. Jones	Shelby Rt. 4 N. C.
L. L. Estep	Newland, N. C.
J. W. Costner	Newland, N. C.
Ernest Bustle	Jonas Ridge, N. C.
Mack Hodges	Bakersville, N. C.
Earl Teaster	Carderview, Tenn.
Park Whitson	Bakersville, N. C.
E. G. Hayes	Montezuma, N. C.
Ira Hodges	Banner Elk, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS. NOT PASTORS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

G. G. Blair	Valley, N. C.
W. A. Braswell	Montezuma, N. C.
Earl Carver	Banner Elk, N. C.
V. W. Greene	Cranberry, N. C.
K. L. Haga	Newland, N. C.
Gaither Harmon	Elk Park, N. C.
E. B. Harold	Montezuma, N. C.
C. E. New	Newland, N. C.
James Puckett	Kalmia, N. C.
Joe Phillips	Pineola, N. C.
Jeff Pyatte	Minneapolis, N. C.
L. W. Sudderth	Montezuma, N. C.
C. M. Thomas	Valley, N. C.
L. W. Woody	Kalmia, N. C.
I. W. Woody	Kalmia, N. C.

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

E. G. Hayes	Montezuma, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the various churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and every additional fifty or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Power and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Officers

Art. 8. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator Clerk-Treasurer (one person), Historian, and an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the association and three laymen elected by the association, all of whom shall be elected after the letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office, except the clerk, to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session. The clerk shall continue until the minutes are printed and distributed.

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.

2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.

3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.

4. Receive new churches.

5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6. Fill any vacancy in organization.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Adopt and follow report of Committees on Order of Business as to subjects and discussion.

9. Election of officers.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

AARON—W. W. Braswell, H. F. Ledford, Edgar Pritchard.

BIG MEADOW—Kate Poer, Delzie Stamey, Homer Caloway.

BEECH MTN.—Judd Walsh, Gene McGuire, Royice Walsh.

BELVIEW—Dorris Ollis, Flossey Gouge, Nell Ollis.

CRANBERRY—Mrs. E. L. McCourry, Mr. and Mrs. John Holsclaw.

CHESTNUT DALE—Mr. and Mrs. Geter Isaacs, Rosa Johnson.

CROSSNORE—Mrs. Harley Bishop, Mrs. George Johnson, Joe Henson.

ELK VALLEY—Rev. Earl Carver, Douglas Hodges, H. M. Horney, J. A. Norman.

ELK PARK—Dr. F. P. Guinn, Mrs. James Tanner, Mrs. B. H. Winters.

FALL CREEK—T. B. Gryder, N. E. Cook, C. H. Parlier.

FAIR VIEW—James Puckette, Carl Cook, Dewey Hughes.

FLAT SPRINGS—A. V. McGuire, Calvin Guy, A. I. Greene.

GREEN VALLEY—R. L. Hall, Mrs. R. L. Hall, Mrs. Dock Ollis, Mrs. Ernest Pittman.

HENSON CREEK—Mrs. Stokes McKinney, Marcella Dellinger, Mrs. Louise Burleson.

JONAS RIDGE—Zeb Franklin, H. R. Clark, P. A. Shell.

MINNEAPOLIS—By letter only.

MT. PLEASANT—R. F. Horney, Mrs. W. H. Daniels, Mrs. Omer Thompson, Rubby Gragg.

NEWLAND—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gains, Eula V. Lecka, Mrs. Finley Banner.

OAK GROVE—J. A. Ledford, W. A. Coffey.

PINEOLA—Grady Andrews, Mrs. Ira Vance.

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Ira Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Buchanan, Sr., Mrs. Molt Buchanan, Mrs. Clarence Ollis, Lucy Ward, Mrs. Lottie Pittman.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Leslie A. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hicks.

POWDER MILL—Mr. and Mrs. Hickory Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Waits Wilson.

ROARING CREEK—Letter only.

STAMEY TOWN—Flora Stamey, Clayton Stamey, Elizabeth Stamey.

SUGAR MTN.—Robert Braswell, Gurnie Duckworth.

VALLEY HAVEN—Larry Draughn, George McGuire, Council Gillam.

WHITES MEMORIAL—Mrs. Clayton Young, Miss Barbra Stafford, Sam Murphy.

YELLOW MTN.—Claud Stafford, Austin Buchanan, Vestor Stafford, D. Buchanan.

PROCEEDINGS — FIRST DAY

August 23, Elk Valley Church

The Avery County Baptist Association met in Fortieth Annual Session. The Moderator, J. C. Brown, presiding.

1. Song service led by Edward Buchanan. Devotion was conducted by Vivian Brown.

2. Visitors and correspondents were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Anderson of Huntington, W. Va. C. O. Vance, Burnny Trivette, Acie McGuire, G. M. Lawrence, Victor Trivette of Three Forks Association. Jason Stillwell, South Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Braswell, J. A. Buchanan and Frank Parsons of Mitchell Association. There were 13 pastors and 12 Sunday School superintendents present.

3. Roll Call found all the churches represented except Long Ridge. And they had an application for dismission to Stony Fork Association which was, on motion, granted. Election of officers for next year, conducted by V. W. Greene. Rev. Mack Hodge was elected Moderator and Rev. D. N. Jones, Vice Moderator. Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk-Treasurer, R. L. Painter, Historian. Executive Committee—W. W. Braswell, J. H. Vance, Dewey Gouge.

Committees appointed were: Place and Preacher—Grace Hall, A. V. McGuire, R. L. Painter. Resolutions—Ed W. Buchanan, J. W. Costner, D. N. Jones.

4. Sunday School and V. B. S. report was made by Ted Braswell. And on motion the proceeding of the S. S. and V. B. S. to be printed in Minutes.

5. B. T. U. report was read by Mrs. George Johnson and discussed by A. I. Greene, Mack Hodge and Mrs. E. Gouge, and adopted. Director for B. T. U. elected was Rev. Vivian Brown.

6. A new church, Stamey Town Baptist made application for membership with our Association, and the Moderator appointed the following committee to examine their credentials and report later. R. L. Painter, L. L. Estepp, Ernest Bustle.

7. Offering was taken to help in printing. Amount was $40.60.

8. After all standing and singing Amazing Grace the annual sermon was by Rev. A. G. Brooks. A fine spiritual sermon which was enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Bishop of Crossnore thrilled the audience with singing "I Had Rather Have Jesus Than Anything".

Adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY

Met at 1:15, A. G. Brooks, Vice Moderator presiding. After song service Ned Hughes conducted the devotion.

9. W. M. U. report by Miss Edith Cardwell and discussed by Miss Cardwell and Mrs. R. E. Truesdale and adopted.

10. Evangelism by J. W. Costner, and a wonderful address and appeal to us that it is our chief business to tell salvation story to the whole world.

11. Periodicals. Report by Mack Hodge and discussed by him, and adopted.

12. Committee on the new church, Stamey Town. Reports favorable and the church was admitted to membership with us and pastor and deacons were given the right hand of fellowship.

13. Report on Place and Preacher was read and adopted.

14. After another soul thrilling song by Mrs. Bishop adjourned with prayer by Ted Braswell.

PROCEEDINGS—SECOND DAY

Held With Valley Haven Church

1. Met at 9:30, J. C. Brown presiding. Song service by Valley Haven choir. Devotion by E. O. Bustle. Visitors present were Rev. W. C. Reed, General Manager of our Orphanage. Rev. J. M. Hayes, manager of our old folk home at Winston-Salem. Rev. C. W. Bazemore, representing the Biblical Recorder. Dr. J. R. Nelson of Mars Hill. Rev. Lee Pittman, a new pastor, and Dr. M. A. Huggins of the State Board.

2. Education report given by A. G. Brooks and Dr. Nelson gave the address on the subject, and the report was adopted.

3. Relief Annuity by J. W. Costner, and C. W. Bazemore brought greetings from Dr. L. L. Carpenter and made a fine speech that was much enjoyed.

4. Rev. J. M. Hayes made a report on the Baptist Old Folk Home, our newest institution and the report was discussed by him and Mack Hodges and on motion the report was adopted with the suggestion the churches take an offering every 5th Sunday for this purpose.

5. Cooperative Program by R. T. Teague and discussed at length by Dr. Huggins. There was round table discussion on the program and a lot of questions were asked Bro. Huggins about different phases of the program.

Adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY

1. Met at 1:15. After song the devotion was by V. W. Greene.

2. County Missions by J. C. Brown and discussed by Dr. Huggins and Ned Hughes and others. Bro. Hughes offered that his board would supplement any amount up to $1,200 that the churches would pay and on motion the delegates were asked to take it up with their churches and to let the Moderator know in the near future.

3. Hospital report made by Dr. W. K. McGee and discussed by him, and on motion the churches were asked to take two offerings a year for this purpose. Ira Hodges was elected Hospital Representative.

4. Orphanage Report by Eula V. Lecka and discussed by her and Rev. W. C. Reed.

5. Finance Report read and adopted and on motion the Clerk allowed $35.00 for his services.

6. Resolutions read and adopted.

Obituaries read and adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Ned Hughes.

J. C. Brown, Moderator
Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL
1951

For twenty-eight years our Baptist Hospital has sought to provide a Christian ministry of healing. The highest good of the individual who is sick has been at the heart of the motive and effort of this work. Thousands of sick persons have been blessed by it. Without it, many of these could not have received the care they needed.

Last year 9,700 patients were cared for in the Hospital and 95,000 visits were made to the clinics for examinations and treatments. About half of these were persons with little or no money. They were provided free professional care by our doctors, and were given additional financial assistance with the cost of the service they received.

This free service was made possible by our Mother's Day offerings which amounted to $140,000.00. Other assistance came from various health and welfare agencies, the Duke Endowment, and individual gifts. All this added together enabled the Hospital to spend $337,000.00 in free service. When the free services of the doctors are added to this, it means that our hospital provided three-fourths of a million dollars in free services to these sick persons who have little money. In other words, every time we gave one dollar in our Mother's Day offerings, it enabled our hospital to give five dollars in free service to sick persons who are poor in this world's goods.

We are happy to report that the Mother's Day offerings this year are running ahead of those last year. The reports from the special offerings to raise $700,000.00 toward the building of the new South Wing to the Hospital are encouraging. Most of our churches in the state have been making these offerings and many have gone well beyond their suggested goals. Contracts have been let for this addition to the Hospital and work is beginning on the construction, which will require about 18 months. We urge all our churches which have not made their offerings, or reached their goals, to do this without delay. We, as North Carolina Baptists, will do what we have said we would do in providing the money to enlarge our Hospital and open the door to those who are having to wait for lack of room.

Our Hospital seeks to meet the full needs of those who go there for treatment. It seeks to provide the best in medical service. For those who are poor it provides financial assistance, and in so far as its resources permit. But beyond these, it provides a spiritual ministry for those who are spiritually sick. Under this ministry many unsaved persons accept Christ, many weak and neglected Christian lives are renewed, and many physical illnesses are hastened toward recovery. The purpose of our Hospital is to provide a complete Christian Ministry for those who are sick.

D. N. Jones,
Hospital Representative

EVANGELISM

The last message I ever heard fall from the lips of the late Dr. Ellis Fuller I remember these words, "The right kind of Evangelism is the greatest thing on earth, and the wrong kind of Evangelism could be the worst thing on earth." Of course, volumns could be written on the strength of these words.

Our Lord has given us the proper instructions in the propogating the "Good News". The plan is all laid down plainly in the printed Word. Not until we all become like Andrew in the desire to win our people to the Savior will we see the world turning to Christ for Eternal Life.

The Psalmist said in no uncertain terms, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him". God has given us the World as our field, the Holy Spirit as our guide. We can deal in statistics until the days of our usefulness have come to a close, but the marching orders of our Saviour stand as for eternity. When we know Christ as Savior and Lord we will be willing and anxious to go out "into the highways and hedges" and compel them to come to the Savior. There is a time for seed sowing and there is a time for the harvest. Our Lord was busy teaching in the cities and villages and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom. When he saw the multitude he was moved with compassion and said to the disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labors are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into the harvest."

With the leading of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God as instruction we can reach all those that are led by the Holy Spirit who are willing to "trust and obey".

Respectfully,
J. W. Costner.

FINANCE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, August 25, 1950	$209.37	
Paid for Printing Minutes		$125.25
Paid Clerk		25.00
Paid Postage, etc.		9.00
Programs, Asso. and S. S.		12.87
TOTAL PAID		$172.12
Offering at S. S. Con.	$ 10.08	
Balance	$ 47.33	
Received From Church This Year	$108.50	
Offering	40.60	
Balance To Date	$196.43	

Ed W. Buchanan

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Webster says that an Orphan is one bereft of one or both parents. The expression of deep feeling and that which excites mental emotions for a child dates far back into old Bible times. Some years ago one of our Orphanage superintendents spoke at the Baptist State Convention on the subject of "Take this child and nurse it and I will give thee thy wages." Ex. 29. This text and subject perhaps has no refernce to our Orphanage system, but it does challenge Christians to help an unfortunate child when we find one in need of a chance to live and grow into usefulness under the guiding hand of people who love God, and are mindful of the words of our Lord who said "Suffer little children to come unto me."

This brief report does not deal in dates or statistics. I do however want to urge each Pastor and Delegate to check your record and see if your Church is making monthly offerings and also the Thanksgiving Offering to our Orphanage. I doubt if God is pleased with a Baptist Church that is so ungrateful in the program to leave this undone. The text of the brother of our Lord is pure and undefiled religion is this, visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction. And keep himself unspotted from the world and the Lord himself said

Our nation is flooded today with all kinds of literature, printed matters of all kinds. comics, papers and magazines. We hear much through radio and by the press. Much that is read, heard and seen is demoralizing to the growth and development of wholesome Christian living.

Therefore the need of the world is literature that is sound. Our Baptist Sunday School Board publishes literature that meets the need of every age group from the Cradle Roll up in our Sunday School. Baptists should use it.

What we read and the source from where it comes makes a difference.

Baptists have as their guide this great book called the Holy Bible, and it is our only guide. But there are several other types of literature that Baptists use and believe in. The Commission, Home Mission, Biblical Recorder, the Charity and Children are worthy of mention and are used by many Baptists. The Commission is our Foreign Mission paper and should be in every Baptist home. The Home Mission covers the work of the Baptists in the Southland. The Biblical Recorder covers the work of our state in the Lord's cause. The Charity and Children covers the news and the work of the Mills Home at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home at Kinston.

There are various books published by the Baptist Board which cover every phase of our work and should be in every church library or home. We believe that in all literature none can be found better than that published by the Baptists. I highly recommend, Church Members Handbook by Joe T. Odle, published by the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Mack Hodge

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program includes all our joint work with other churches except the Orphanage.

In the State there was a substantial increase in missionary efforts. In the Avery Association 16 churches, Aaron, Belview, Big Meadows, Bethlehem, Chestnut Dale, Green Valley, Flat Springs, Henson Creek, Minneapolis, Oak Grove, Pineola, Pleasant Hill, Powder Mill, Roaring Creek, Sugar Mountain and Yellow Mountain made increases from $349.35 to $639.56, a gain of 6 percent. 12 churches, Beech Mountain, Cranberry, Crossnore, Elk Park, Elk Valley, Fall Creeek, Jonas Ridge, Mt. Pleasant, Newland, Pleasant Valley, Valley Haven, and Whites Memorial made decreases from $1928.85 to $1,417.81, a loss of 26 percent. Together there was a loss of almost 10 percent.

If there ever was a time when missions should be increased it is now. The needs have never been so great. Who knoweth or not whether we are come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?

R. T. Teague

as oft as you did it not to one of the least of these my brethern you did it not to me.

The committee of 19 that was named by the State Convention to study all phases of our program recently stated that there is a possibility of our orphanage work being consolidated with the Cooperative program. I don't think this ought to happen and I don't think it wise to suggest it. The Churches are contributing to the Orphanage on the plan of once a month and the Thanksgiving offering fine, and I don't think this should be interrupted or changed when this plan has been tried for a number of years and is working fine. There are a lot of our churches helping with this that hardly ever think of the Cooperative program. This issue will be voted on at the State Convention at Asheville in November, and we go on record as opposing any merger of our orphanage work with the Cooperative program. If you want to keep abreast with the Orphanage then see that Charity and Children comes into every home. It is a letter from our orphan children every week. It would be like, to many of us, an eclipse of the sunlight to merge any phase of the Orphanage work with any other. May God bless and keep close to our hearts the work of helping the boy or girl who is forced to go through life without the warmth of a Christian home, or the blessings of a real father or mother.

Respectfully submitted,
Eula Vance Lecka

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held with Sugar Mountain Church on the first day, August 21, and with Big Meadow Church on the second day, August 22, 1952. And that the Rev. D. N. Jones preach the annual sermon with Rev. E. O. Bustle as the alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Painter
A. V McGuire
Mrs. Fritz Hall
Committee

RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." This puts the Bible at the head of all other literature. We agree that it should be read in every home and in gatherings everywhere. It is God speaking to man.

We are living in a great day of invention and development in the universe. Never at any time in the age of printing have more pages flooded the presses. During the past years of war presses have turned out propaganda for the millions of people to read. Does this mean anything when the minds of our church people have been filled with the wrong ideas and conceptions? It has been said by one that the pen is mightier than the sword.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION

The Executive Committee called a meeting with R. T. Teague, Chairman, presiding. Rev. J. C. Brown as Association Missionary, after the report from Dr. M. A. Huggins, Brown did not accept the position, but I did go out and work for State Mission and there were more churches sent in an offering than ever sent from the Avery Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. C. Brown

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1. Resolve that this Association tender its thanks to the good folk of Elk Valley and Valley Haven churches for their wonderful hospitality and the fine food given us at both dinners.

No. 2. Resolve that they be and are appointed a committee to revise our Constit ution and By-Laws, and that they have same ready at the beginning of our next session, and this committee consist of the following: R. T. Teague, Ed W. Buchanan and W. W. Braswell.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee
Ed W. Buchanan
J. W. Costner
D. N. Jones

AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION — JULY 20, 1951

Meeting with Big Meadow Church the superintendent called the meeting to order at 9:30. Singing was led by Ed Buchanan and the devotion was by Ned Hughes. Roll Call of Sunday Schools with the following respondance, Aaron with 1 delegate; Belview 11; Big Meadow, all; Chestnut Dale 1; Crossnore 2; Newland 2; Oak Grove 1; Pleasant Hill 8; Whites Memorial 5; Cranberry 2; Yellow Mountain 3; Powder Mill 1.

ORGANIZATION

Rev. Ted Braswell was elected County Superintendent and Ed W. Buchanan, secretary, subject to approval by the Association.

The following committees were appointed: Time and Place, Dewey Gouge, Vester Stafford, Ted Braswell; Resolutions, A. G. Brooks, Vivian Brown, Mack Hodge. An offering was taken for the general expenses and the amount was $10.08.

A summary report was given on V. B. S. by J. C. Brown.

A Pastors, Deacons and Superintendents Conference, (theme) Better Training by A. G. Brooks, R. L. Painter, Mack Hodge and J. W. Costner. Committee was appointed to arrange for a training course and publish the Time and Place later.

Richard T. Moore was recognized and welcomed and he gave us a fine address on the working Sunday School.

Adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON

Met at 1:15. Singing led by Homer Caloway, the devotion was by Vivian Brown. Better Sunday Schools was discussed by the local superintendents and pastors present.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

We recommend that the next session be held with Whites Memorial Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, it being July 25, 1952.

Respectfully sumbitted,
Dewey Gouge
Vestor Stafford
Ted Braswell

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved that we express our appreciation to Big Meadow Church for their hospitality and fine dinner served at the church.

A fine sermon by Mack Hodge was enjoyed by every one present.

Adjourned to meet next year with Whites Memorial Church.

J. C. Brown, Supt.
Ed W. Buchanan, Secy.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The Baptist Training Union is the agency of a Baptist Church for training all of its members in the duties and privileges of Church membership and for developing them in the Christian life. It is controlled and promoted by the church through a corps of general officers who are elected by the church. The aim of the Training Union is Training in Church membership. There is no other department of the church which has this distinctive aim. The duties and privileges of church membership are so varied and important that it is highly essential that the church offer this course of training to every one of its members, and that they continue it throughout life.

Regardless of how long or how short a time you have been a Christian, regardless of how much or how little experience you have had in the Christian work, there lies before you the opportunity of growth in the Training Union. This is the "Officer Candidate School" of the Church, and there are no graduates in the Lord's Work.

Respectfully submitted,
George Johnson

STEWARDSHIP

Every Christian should give at least a tithe of his or her income to the promotion of the cause of the Church and kingdom.

When we think of all that Christ has done for us surely we should not think of doing less than that for him.

We should count it a privilege to have a part in promoting his cause in the local church and community and out to the ends of the earth. It should give us great satisfaction to realize that through our gifts and prayers we can become laborers together with others and with God in promoting his Kingdom.

By being good stewards of the way we make our money as well as by the way we use our money and being good stewards of the manifold Grace of God we may win the approval of our Heavenly Father and hear Him say, Well done thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things; Enter Thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed W. Buchanan

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR AVERY ASSOCIATION

An Education is of great value to any individual. In any lawful business or profession the properly trained person does his work well. The aim of education is not how to make a living, but how to live.

Christian schools not only give the culture and knowledge needed in this present day, they put great emphasis on the teachings of God's Holy Word and the principles of living exemplified in the earthly life of our Lord.

In North Carolina today there are forty schools of higher learning. The Baptists of this state are helping to support the following schools: Wake Forest College, Meredith, Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate and Chowan Colleges, and the School of Nursing of the Baptist Hospital. These schools enrolled 5,000 students last year. Of these students about 400 are preparing for the Ministry and 300 more are planning to give their lives in Christian Service.

Our Mountain Preachers School at Fruitland is designed for the benefit of adult preachers who did not have the privilege of attending a college or seminary and in many cases are without a high school education. Fruitland blesses the ministry of these men. Young ministers should be advised to go to college and seminary if possible rather than to try a short cut through Fruitland only.

Many ministers have worked to defray expenses in colleges and seminaries, when they were too poor to pay. These same men have made great workers in the Lord's Vineyard. They have felt that God called them to preach the gospel and if to preach then first to prepare. God's word says: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

The Southern Baptist Convention has five seminaries within its territory: Southern, Southwestern, Golden Gate, New Orleans and Southeastern. These great schools train preachers and church leaders for our Baptist people. The progress of the Baptist Churches is largely dependent on the work of these institutions.

Let us support our Baptist colleges and seminaries with our prayers and gifts, and urge our young people to attend them.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. Brooks

STATEMENT FOR REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING

The North Carclina Baptist State Convention in its November, 1950 session, authorized the committee on the Home for the Aging to make plans for the opening and operation of our Home for the Aging as soon as the committee might find a way to meet the cost of equipping and operating. Because of the drive to raise money for the construction of the new wing to the Baptist Hospital, the Convention insructed the committee for the Home not to expect direct help from the Baptist State Convention during the year 1951.

On January 9, the committee on the Home elected Rev. James M. Hayes, pastor of North Winston Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, superintendent of the Home, and Miss Edna Heinzerling, director of Nurses of the Baptist Hospital, to serve as supervisor of our Home. The committee decided to open the Home for residents when sufficient funds become available to begin.

There are many evidences of the Lord's favor upon the Home thus far. In the first place, He led in making a home immediately available. Ten years ago the trustees of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College leased a three-story, brick-constructed, fireproof building, with an elevator, for a period of 25 years for $1.00 a year. The committee on the Home was able to secure this building for 15 years at the same rental price. The building accommodates 20 residents at present. The top floor, if completed, would give space for 16 additional residents. The completion of this floor would cost approximately $23,000. With more than 100 applications for admission already received, and inquiries coming almost daily, one can easily see the pressing need of more space.

The Home has been greatly helped by the gifts received—furniture, office equipment, heating system, blankets, linens, towels, and many other items, as well as discounts on supplies necessary to be purchased. Although the Home has been operating only since March 16, yet it now has assets approximating $50,000, and is not operating in the red.

Our residents range in age from 67 to 91 years, and come from widely scattered sections of North Carolina—from Franklin to Elizabeth City—the mountains to the sea. Regardless of the sections from which they come, they are a happy, congenial family, all rejoicing in the opportunity to live in the

Home. The attitude of all the residents is well expressed in the brief statements of Miss Bertha Callaway, former matron of Mills Home Orphanage: "I like this good Christian home"; and of Mrs. Carroll: "I wouldn't exchange it for any other."

The Home offers four things to those who come to live there: security, comfort, congeniality, and a Christian ministry. With this sort of program, North Carolina Baptists can add years to life, and life to years for those who reside in our Baptist Home for the Aging.

One donor said when he sent his check to the Home: "I believe in this practical kind of Christianity. North Carolina Baptists have waited too long to begin it." Surely it is practical, for Jesus said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The committee on the Home has challenged North Carolina Baptists to build a home adequate to meet the need of the increasing number of old people from 65 years up. Their program calls for a million dollar plant, which would accommodate 270 residents. With the Lord leading and North Carolina Baptists cooperating, such a plant should be built and in operation within a few years.

"Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not" (Psalm 71:18).

Rev. James M. Hayes, Supt.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The figures released in 1950 by the Relief and Annuity Board show what North Carolina is doing through the retirement funds and relief funds, both of which are administered by the Relief and Annuity Board. The figures for 1951 are not included in this report.

For any pastor to be a member of this plan he is required to pay Quarterly, semi-annually or annually, the equivalent of FOUR percent of his salary, and the church or churches he serves an additional FOUR PERCENT. The pastor can withdraw at any time and receive back almost what he has invested in the plan. The church however cannot draw out what has been paid in.

In 1950 there was a total of 935 Certificates issued with 1,086 churches cooperating. Also 285 Widows Supplementary Annuity Plan Certificates issued.

This plan is not being used by many of our Pastors in Avery Association. As a rule any church is happy to provide its four percent when the Pastor shows his willingness to do so. This is only a business proposition where the Pastor and Church prepares the pastor for old age or a time when the pastor could become disable to care for himself and his family. The writer knows of individuals that have been saved embarrassing days and years all because they had made provisions for such days and years through the Relief and Annuity.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Costner

W. M. U. REPORT

"That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." John 1:9.

When we have glimpsed that *Light* and have taken of it for our souls and are forevermore attempting to make that glimmer brighter until it burns and lights even as THE *Light;* then surely, we, as missionary Christians, as obedient Christians, strive to see our light on a hill—so that the whole world may see the light.

The Woman's Missionary Union is organized for the purpose of praying, studying, giving, and doing the objective of the "Great Commission." We strive to assist our young people in praying, studying, giving and doing the same thing.

Surely, we shall stand condemned in the great judgment if we fail to let our Light go into the whole world!

This past year we have had quarterly executive council meetings; attended the leadership conference weekend at Fruitland; conducted a leadership conference at which we had Miss Ruth Provence present with us; have had Mrs. John Waycaster, field representative, in the Association for a week; met with Newland for our Annual meeting, having present at that meeting Miss Ernelle Brooks, Missionary to Nigeria and Miss Hilda Mayo, Young People's leader.

The Young People of the Association have had a Rally, and an Association-wide picnic. These were two separate meetings.

IN MEMORIAM

Since our last meeting 26 brothers and sisters have gone to their reward, to-wit:

Mr. Gedo Hughes, Mrs. Mack Buchanan	Pleasant Hill
Deacon D. S. Huffman	Chestnut Dale
Mr George Hicks	Minneapolis
Mr. Sam King and Rev. T. C. Hicks	Roaring Creek
Mr. William Lane, Mrs. J. R. Williams	Oak Grove
Deacon H. J. Pyatte, Mrs. Laura Pyatte, Miss Dollie Johnson, Mr. Ephriam Stamey	Big Meadow
Mrs. Carlos Baldwin, Mrs. Emma Buchanan	Newland
Mrs. V. W. Greene	Pineola
Mr. Dock Hoilman	Fairview
Mrs. Dixie Farthing	Fall Creek
Mr. John Houston, Mr. Earl Burleson	Henson Creek
Mrs. Sarah Jane Cuthbertson, Mrs. Exie Johnson Oaks, Mr. Stokes Aldridge	Crossnore
Mr. Thomas Aldridge, Mr. Thomas Gouge	Cranberry
Mrs M. E. Church	Beech Mountain
Mr. Monroe Dugger	Flat Springs

We humbly bow to the will of HIM who doeth all things well.

Rev. Vivian Brown.

The following officers were elected at the June meeting in Newland:

Superintendent	Edith Cardwell
Associate Superintendent	Mrs. Emmett Gouge
Young People's Leader	Mrs. James Tanner
R. A. Counselor	Mrs. L. W. Sudderth
Stewardship Chairman	Mrs. Maude Angel
Mission Study Chairman	Mrs. A. G. Brooks
Literature Chairman	Mrs. Bob Banner
Training School Chairman	Mrs. R. E. Truesdale, Sr.
Margaret Fund Chairman	Mrs. Felton Sudderth
Community Missions Chairman	Mrs. Herbie Johnson
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. Ruth Calloway

Also, this year, we have decided to try to minister in a special way to the institutions in our Association—the hospitals, and jail. We plan to visit, present tracts, spiritual inspirational verses, flowers, and assist in any way we can spiritually the people who are found there. To let our Light shine, in any way we can.

Edith Cardwell, Supt.

We, the Stamey Town Baptist Church, wish to become members of the Avery Baptist Association. Our record for the past year is herewith submitted. We are in accord with the belief of the Missionary Baptist Church and wish to be known as such. It is our intention to support the Baptist Church program by contributing to the Baptist Hospital Fund, Missions, and the Baptist Orphanage.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE ABOVE APPLICATION

We have investigated the Stamey Town Baptist and find it duly organized and recommend that it become a member of the Avery County Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Roby L. Painter
L. L. Estep
E. O. Bustle

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES

Historical Table

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powdermill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Belview	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill and Minneapolis	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyatt
1946	Jonas Ridge and Oak Grove	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1947	Cranberry	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Frank Brown
1948	Powdermill	V. W. Greene	Ed. W. Buchanan	Dayton Jones
1949	Crossnore and Mt. Pleasant	D. N. Jones	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ben Wood
1950	Aaron and Newland	J. W. Costner	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1951	Elk Valley and Valley Haven	J. C. Brown	Ed. W. Buchanan	A. G. Brooks

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers
Aaron	V		2-4	R. L. Painter, Balm		1	17	89	19	108		
Big Meadow	R		2-3	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	2		8	71	82	153	1	
Beech Mtn.	R		2-4	Lawrence Hagaman, Beech Creek	1		8	116	45	161	2	
Belview	R		1-3	Ned Hughes, Spruce Pine	12	3	1	79	41	120	2	
Cranberry	V		2-4	C. A. Buchanna, Toecane	4		2	87	28	115	1	10
Chestnut Dale	R		1-3	Vivian Brown, Minneapolis						80	2	
Crossnore	V		All	A. G. Brooks, Crossnore	16	11	11	126	99	225	2	32
Elk Valley	R		1-3	D. N. Jones, Heaton	4	1	10			168	1	
Elk Park	T		1-3	W. F. Smith, Boone	2	2	2			74	1	
Fall Creek	R		1-3	D. N. Jones, Heaton	7	2	5			209	2	44
Fair View	R		1-3	Lee Pittman, Spruce Pine			1	74		74	1	
Flat Springs	R		1-3	Bynum Trivett, Boone	3	1	3	185	34	219	1	
Green Valley	R		2-4	William Grindstaff, Kalmia	12	3	3	90	32	130	3	3
Henson Creek	R		2-4	Jeff Willis, Toecane			6	79	31	110		
Jonas Ridge	R		1-3	W. S. Jones, Shelby Rt. 4	4	1	3			83	2	
Minneapolis	V		2-4	D. N. Jones, Heaton	1	1	2	74	39	114	1	
Mt. Pleasant	R		1-3	L. L. Estep, Newland	6	1		60	100	160	2	4
Newland	T		All	J. W. Costner, Newland			2	149	81	230	1	15
Oak Grove	R		2-4	Vivian Brown, Minneapolis	2		4			80	2	
Pineola	V		2-4	Ernest Bustle, Jonas Ridge	1		2	35	43	78	2	
Pleasant Hill	R		1-3	Mack Hodges, Bakersville	10	3	5	230	116	346	1	
Pleasant Valley	R		3	Earl Teaster, Carderview, Tenn.	1		3	61	71	132	1	
Powder Mill	R		1-3	Ned Hughes, Spruce Pine						80		
Roaring Creek	R		3	Park Whitson, Bakersville	13		1	86	18	100	1	
Stamey Town	R		1-3	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	4	37				37		
Sugar Mtn.	R		2-3-4	E. G. Hayes, Montezuma	5	14	1	29		29	2	8
Valley Haven	R		1-4	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	6	5	1	37	18	55	1	
Whites Memorial	R		2-4	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	15	7		35	12	47	1	
Yellow Mtn.	R		2-4	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk		11	3	72	44	116		6
Totals					113	150	57	1777	953	3633	36	113

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance
Aaron	Edgar Pritchard, Montezuma										103	65	30	27
Big Meadow	Homer Caloway, Plumtree			17	10	12	30		15	2	79	60	50	30
Beech Mtn.	David Trivett, Whaley			7	10	20	15	15	18	2	87	63	32	29
Belview	Julius Ollis, Cranberry			21	12	14	12	16	61	4	140	70	45	39
Cranberry	John Holsclaw, Cranberry			26	19	26	24	20	43		158	89	83	72
Chestnut Dale	Nettie Farmer, Hughes		6	4	5	6	15	13	20	1	70	50	14	13
Crossnore	J. H. Vance, Crossnore	15	15	15	15	25	10	26	54	3	180	130	72	64
Elk Valley	Ernest Eller, Heaton	10	12	10	18	30		15	40		150			
Elk Park	Claud Isaacs, Elk Park	4		8	9	12	12	10	25		80	50	33	27
Fall Creek	D. C. Cook, Whaley			19	11	21		26	33		154	110		
Fair View	James Puckett, Kalmia				6	8	10	18			55			
Flat Springs	W. R. Trivette, Whaley			25	18		20	25	25		133	93		
Green Valley	Guy Pittman, Kalmia		3	10	4	6	8	13	18	2	64	40		
Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Spear			12		10	12	15	12	5	66	45		
Jonas Ridge	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge			7	5	10	14	9	21		70	45		
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis										77	55	33	28
Mt. Pleasant	Omer Thompson, Hughes	3	7	10	12	12	10	20	20	5	89	58		
Newland	Bruce Daniel, Newland			10	12	12	15	15	30	4	98	66	71	63
Oak Grove	Mrs. Duard Cornett, Newland				15	15		30	20		80		34	33
Pineola	Lloyd Thompson, Pineola			19		12		23	19		73	40		
Pleasant Hill	Ed W. Buchanan, Minneapolis		10	12	12	20	24	35	60	5	173	108	64	50
Pleasant Valley	Robert Hicks, Elk Park			10	9	10	7	9	20		65	40		
Powder Mill	Joe Cantrell, Senia			10		10		15	15		60	50	54	44
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes, Valley			15	10	10	11	10	10		65	48		
Stamey Town	Clayton Stamey, Altamont										50	40		
Sugar Mtn.	Gurnie Duckworth, Linville			10		12			23	3	45	40	15	12
Valley Haven	Larry Draughn, Banner Elk			6	6	8	13		16		65	51		
Whites Memorial	Hubert Carpenter, Ingalls			16	9	12			32		77	40	38	34
Yellow Mtn.	Vestor Stafford, Spear			15	15	15	10		20		75	60		
Totals		32	47	314	230	349	285	378	670	36	2681	1606	668	565

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Nursery Units	No. Beginner Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	No. Adult Untis	Total Number Units	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Aaron	Edward Sudderth, Montezuma					1			35	30
Beech Mtn.	Roy McGuire, Heaton			1		1	1	3	58	35
Belview	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry		1	1		1		3	65	28
Crossnore	S. A. Burleson, Crossnore	1		1	1	1	1	5	98	60
Elk Park	Velmia Harmon, Elk Park			1		1		2	20	18
Flat Springs	A. V. McGuire, Whaley			1	1	1	1	4	53	44
Newland	Mrs. J. W. Costner, Newland			1	1			2	16	10
Totals										

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	Total Enrolled
Aaron	Mrs. Bertha Pritchard, Montezuma	1		10
Belview	Flossie Gouge, Cranberry	1		10
Crossnore	Mrs. Paul Ward, Crossnore	1	1	24
Elk Park	Mrs. Alice Colley, Elk Park	1	1	24
Newland	Mrs. J. W. Costner, Newland	1		21
Totals				

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	All Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total Local Expense
Aaron	W. W. Braswell, Newland		44.00			75.00	12.00			315.00		360.00	810.00
Big Meadow	Lawrence Carpenter, Three Mile	641.00			350.00	70.00	6.00	29.00				125.00	580.00
Beech Mtn.	Truman Church, Heaton	1060.00	42.00	6.00		88.00	150.00	85.00		106.00	478.00	500.00	980.00
Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry	1677.00	52.00	470.00		77.00	11.00	160.00		245.00	1012.00	360.00	1378.00
Cranberry	Mrs. Earl Greene, Cranberry	1178.00	120.00	120.00	53.00	96.00	75.00	93.00	132.00	141.00	732.00	360.00	1092.00
Chestnut Dale	Mrs. Ruford Johnson, Hughes	429.00	24.00	100.00						18.00	142.00	240.00	390.00
Crossnore	Mrs. Lois Clark, Crossnore	3720.00	120.00	93.00	909.00	140.00	100.00	129.00		34.00	1520.00	1600.00	3120.00
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman		60.00	40.00		60.00	180.00	131.00	310.00	430.00	1215.00	500.00	1715.00
Elk Park	John Whaley, Elk Park	1860.00	25.00	933.00		56.00	105.00	80.00		88.00	1289.00	325.00	1614.00
Fall Creek	Bulah Duggar, Heaton	10658.00			9594.00	56.00		198.00		44.00	10005.00	612.00	10505.00
Fair View	Dewey Hughes, Kalmia	213.00	87.00			15.00		22.00		3.00	200.00	212.00	412.00
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek	825.00	41.00		250.00	28.00		75.00		21.00	421.00	276.00	697.00
Green Valley	Guy Pittman, Kalmia	1186.00	111.00	78.00		58.00	125.00	236.00			612.00	480.00	1092.00
Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Spear	385.00		15.00		28.00				52.00	95.00	287.00	382.00
Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell, Jonas Ridge	950.00	30.00	278.00		38.00	10.00	110.00		49.00	513.00	225.00	738.00
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis	1920.00	36.00			65.00	174.00	107.00	398.00	18.00	798.00	455.00	1253.00
Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Newland	2235.00	72.00		1015.00	50.00	137.00	248.00		63.00	1565.00	580.00	2145.00
Newland	Finley Banner	6478.00		36.00	2460.00	224.00		72.00		401.00	3184.00	2650.00	5844.00
Oak Grove	Mrs. Walter Coffey, Newland	618.00	10.00		350.00	52.00		176.00		85.00	358.00	220.00	578.00
Pineola	Mrs. Ernest Ward, Pineola	795.00	55.00			40.00		194.00	46.00	64.00	394.00	344.00	738.00
Pleasant Hill	Lawrence Ollis, Frank	3671.00	103.00	146.00	1500.00	117.00	305.00	116.00		510.00	2770.00	751.00	3521.00
Pleasant Valley	Robt. Hicks, Elk Park	452.00		57.00		26.00		49.00		2.00	134.00	92.00	226.00
Powder Mill	T. J. Greene, Seina	1125.00	237.00		222.00	50.00				37.00	547.00	526.00	1075.00
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Valley	185.00	112.00			18.00		32.00		2.00	165.00	60.00	222.00
Stamey Town	Flora Stamey, Altamont	86.00								3.00		83.00	86.00
Sugar Mtn.	Wilma Duckworth, Montezuma	460.00			265.00			41.00	125.00	2.00	321.00	137.00	458.00
Valley Haven	Mrs. Snaw Perry, Banner Elk	420.00				29.00		244.00		118.00	398.00		399.00
Whites Memorial	Coy Combs, Ingalls	2765.00	18.00		2700.00	9.00		67.00		2.00	2706.00	97.00	2913.00
Yellow Mtn.	T. J. Greene, Spear	795.00	10.00		178.00	42.00			61.00	24.00	215.00	300.00	515.00
Totals		12461.00	1289.00	2372.00	20249.00	1531.00	1390.00	488.00	1072.00	2445.00	32414.00	12235.00	45158.00

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Aaron	W. W. Braswell, Newland	6.00					14.00	11.00	63.00		99.00	909.00
Big Meadow	Mrs. L. W. Carpenter, Three Mile							42.00	14.00		56.00	636.00
Beech Mtn.	Dee Moore, Heaton	5.00		2.00				15.00		1.00	22.00	1002.00
Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry	5.00		15.00	13.00	10.00		20.00	63.00		130.00	12 0.00
Cranberry	O. L. Wright, Cranberry	4.00		12.00		17.00		21.00	23.00		78.00	1168.00
Chestnut Dale	R. L. Sluder, Frank							15.00	10.00		25.00	497.00
Crossnore	Mrs. William Aldridge, Crossnore	167.00		34.00	20.00	8.00		143.00	61.00		433.00	3558.00
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman					27.00		93.00	30.00		149.00	1869.00
Elk Park	Edith Cardwell, Elk Park	48.00	15.00	5.00	30.00	51.00	5.00	60.00	30.00		244.00	1858.00
Fall Creek	Ronda Crawford, Heaton				92.00			54.00	11.00		157.00	106 0.00
Fair View	Carl Cook, Kalmia											412.00
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek							52.00	21.00	22.00	96.00	9 0.00
Green Valley	Mrs. Ernest Pittman, Kalmia							26.00	105.00		133.00	1132.00
Henson Creek	Stella Dellinger, Spear											382.00
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Nellie Shell, Jonas Ridge			7.00				189.00	15.00		212.00	9 8.00
Minneapolis	Bernice B. Vance, Minneapolis	5.00	5.00				4.00	207.00	45.00		294.00	1549.00
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. H. Daniels			22.00				47.00			69.00	2145.00
Newland	Mrs. J. W. Costner	300.00		27.00				85.00	113.00	104.00	634.00	6468.00
Oak Grove	Mrs. Duard Cornett, Newland							18.00	10.00		38.00	608.00
Pineola	Mrs. Lloyd Thompson, Pineola							20.00	40.00		60.00	795.00
Pleasant Hill	Lawrence Ollis, Frank			8.00				62.00	83.00		152.00	3675.00
Pleasant Valley	Fred Hicks, Elk Park								12.00	214.00	226.00	455.00
Powder Mill	Mrs. Waits Wilson, Seina								20.00	10.00	30.00	1072.00
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Valley								8.00			230.00
Stamey Town	Flora Stamey, Altamont											85.00
Sugar Mtn.	Wilma Duckworth, Linville											458.00
Valley Haven	Floyd Baird, Banner Elk			10.00	12.00				15.00		37.00	415.00
Whites Memorial	Pearl Braswell, Spruce Pine											2791.00
Yellow Mtn.	Vestor Stafford, Spear							24.00	25.00	30.00	89.00	791.00
Total		540.00	20.00	162.00	167.00	113.00	23.00	1240.00	832.00	381.00	3463.00	48628.00

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DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR—Mack Hodges	Bakersville, N. C.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WITH THE ABOVE

R. L. Painter, Historian	Balm, N. C.
W. W. Braswell	Newland, N. C.
J. H. Vance	Crossnore, N. C.
Dewey Gouge	Cranberry, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

William Grindstaff, Superintendent	Kalmia, N. C.
Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary	Minneapolis, N. C.
B.T.U. Director, Mrs. Eula V. Lecka	Newland, N. C.
Orphanage, Vivian Brown	Minneapolis, N. C.
Hospitals, Ira Hodges	Banner Elk, N. C.

COMMITTEES TO WRITE REPORTS NEXT SESSION

Program	The Executive Committee
Sunday Schools	William Grindstaff
B. T. U	Eula V. Lecka
W. M. U	Their Organization
Orphanage	Vivian Brown
Hospitals	Ira Hodges
Stewardship	R. T. Teague
Public Morals	D. N. Jones
Cooperative Program	Roy F. Brown
Periodicals	W. W. Braswell

PASTORS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

Frank St. John	Lenoir, N. C.
Ted Braswell	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Lawrence Hagaman	Zion Hill, N. C.
Ned Hughes	Spruce Pine, N. C.
C. A. Buchanan	Toecane, N. C.
Vivian Brown	Minneapolis, N. C.
Roy F. Brown	Crossnore, N. C.
D. N. Jones	Heaton, N. C.

E. B. Hughes	Johnson City, Tenn.
Ernest Canipe	Bakersville, N. C.
Bynum Trivett	Boone, N. C.
Frank Brown	Cranberry, N. C.
Jeff Willis	Toecane, N. C.
L. L. Estep	Hughes, N. C.
J. W. Costner	Newland, N. C.
A. D. Lail	Conley Springs, N. C.
J. A. Buchanan	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Mack Hodges	Bakersville, N. C.
Earl Teaster	Carderview, Tenn.
J. C. Francisco	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Park Whitson	Bakersville, N. C.
E. G. Hayes	Montezuma, N. C.
Ira Hodges	Banner Elk, N. C.

MINISTERS NOT PASTORS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

E. B. Harold	Montezuma, N. C.
J. G. Hughes	Valley, N. C.
C. M. Thomas	Valley, N. C.
G. G. Blair	Valley, N. C.
Ham Hobson	Valley, N. C.
V. W. Greene (Retired)	Cranberry, N. C.
Ernest Bustle	Jonas Ridge, N. C.
C. H. New	Newland, N. C.
William Grindstaff	Kalmia, N. C.
Calvin Guy	Whaley, N. C.
Troy Guy	Heaton, N. C.
L. W. Woody	Kalmia, N. C.
James Puckett	Kalmia, N. C.
Gaither Harmon	Elk Park, N. C.
Glenn Gentry	Elk Park, N. C.
Earl Carver	Banner Elk, N. C.
J. C. Brown	Cranberry, N. C.
Spencer McCloud	Cranberry, N. C.
R. C. Campbell	Cranberry, N. C.
Raymond Turbyfill	Cranberry, N. C.
Jess Cook	Minneapolis, N. C.
W. A. Braswell	Montezuma, N. C.
L. W. Sudderth	Montezuma, N. C.
K. L. Haga	Newland, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the various churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and every additional fifty or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Power and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of th Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Officers

Art. 8. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer (one person), Historian, and an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the association and three laymen elected by the association, all of whom shall be elected after the letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office, except the clerk, to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session. The clerk shall continue until the minutes are printed and distributed.

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.

2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.

3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.

4. Receive new churches.

5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6. Fill any vacancy in organization.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Adopt and follow report of Committees on Order of Business as to subjects and discussion.

9. Election of officers.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

DELEGATES LISTED AND MONEY SENT

AARON—$6.00—H. F. Ledford, Edgar Pritchard, Mrs. Alberta Hayes.

BIG MEADOW—$11.50—Mrs. Ada Johnson, Mrs. Harlan Carpenter, Mrs. Lawrence Carpenter, Miss Evelyn Carpenter, Chrysteen Carpenter.

BEECH MTN.—$5.00—Truman Church, Jack Cook, McKinley Miller, Dee Moore, Judd Walsh.

BELVIEW—$5.00—Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Ollis, Lusk Henson.

CRANBERRY—$5.00—B. H. Nicely, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McCourry, B. B. Ollis.

CHESTNUT DALE—$5.50—R. L. Sluder, Jennie Hicks, Bulo Isaacs.

CROSSNORE—$8.00—Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. Paul Woody.

ELK VALLEY—$5.00—Ernest McGuire, Mrs. Ernest Eller, H. M. Horney, J. A. Norman.

ELK PARK—$3.00—Mrs. C. T. Heath, Mrs. R. N. Cradwell, Miss Velma Harmon.

FALL CREEK—$5.00—N. E. Cook, Frank McGuire T. B. Gryder.

FAIR VIEW—$4.00—Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Hoilman.

FLAT SPRINGS—$3.00—A. V. McGuire, W. R. Trivett, Auiney Norris.

GREEN VALLEY—$4.00—Mrs. Fritz Hall, Mrs. Bob Hall, Mrs. Dock Ollis, Mrs. Johnnie Burleson.

HENSON CREEK—$2.00—By letter only.

JONAS RIDGE—$5.00—P. A. Shell, H. R. Clark, Zeb Franklin.

MINNEAPOLIS—$5.00—R. T. Lewis, Hellen Grindstaff.

MT. PLEASANT—$5.00—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Burleson, Dorothy P. Daniels, Bobbie J. Gragg.

NEWLAND—$10.00—Mrs. Eula V. Lecka, Mrs. Bertie Daniels, Mrs. Lewis Shirley J. W. Costner.

OAK GROVE—$3.00—J. A. Ledford, Arnold Parker.

PINEOLA—$5.00—Mrs. Edna Moir, Mrs. Roger Franklin, Lloyd Thompson.

PLEASANT HILL—$10.00—Mrs. L. E. Pittman, Hazel Ollis, Mary Hellen Hughes, S. Kay Hughes, Lucy Ward, Molt Buchanan, Wanda Ollis, Walter Ollis.

PLEASANT VALLEY—$2.00—Clarence Guinn, Walter Hicks, Robert Hicks.

POWDER MILL—$2.00—Hick Buchanan, Mary Buchanan.

ROARING CREEK—$2.00—By letter.

STAMEY TOWN—$3.00—Bob Mace, Flora Stamey, Elizabeth Stamey, G. H. Dellinger, Jane Stamey.

SUGAR MTN.—$3.00—E. B. Harold, Gurnie Duckworth.

VALLEY HAVEN—$5.00—Larry Draughan, Stanton Perry, Mrs. Lena Perry.

WHITES MEMORIAL—Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. George Huskins Katheline Klontz, Lucy Wise.

YELLOW MTN.—$5.00—Vestor Stafford, Claud Stafford, Ona Buchanan.

PROCEEDINGS FIRST DAY

Held with Sugar Mountain Baptist Church, Aug. 21, 1952

The Association met at 9:30, Mack Hodges, Moderator, presiding.

1. Song service led by Dave McClurd. Devotion was E. G. Hayes. His theme was "Where There is No Vision the People Perish."

2. On motion the program was adopted. Enrollment—28 churches were represented, one did not answer.

3. Visitors recognized were A. V. Ledford, Pastor of Icard Baptist Church. Bruce Buchanan, Ernest Canipe, Astor Buchanan and Anderson Sparks, ministers from Mitcthell County, and also Sam Wilson and F. E. Braswell from Mitchell.

Committees appointed were: Resolutions—W. W. Braswel, Ira Hodges and E. G. Hayes. Place and Preacher—Roy Brown, Ned Hughes and V. W. Greene.

4. Election of Officers. Mack Hodges was elected Moderator. D. N. Jones, Vice Moderator and Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk-Treasurer, R. L. Painter, Historian. W. W. Braswell, DeDwey Gouge and J. H. Vance, Executive Committee.

5. B.T.U. report was read and adopted and Eula V. Lecka was elected Director.

6. Sunday School report was by Ted Braswell and discussed by him,and adopted. On motion the Sunday School Association proceedings to be printed.

7. Report on Periodicals was by R. T. Teague, followed by a fine message by him.

8. The Annual Sermon by D. N. Jones. Theme: "I Thought on My Ways", a wonderful sermon. Prayer by Ernest Canipe. Song "Standing on the Promises". Adjourned with prayer by Bruce Buchanan.

AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled at 1:15 p. m.

9. Special songs by Ed W. Buchanan and his sister, Mrs. L. E. Pittman, and niece Hazel Ollis and Molt Buchanan. Was very much enjoyed. Devotion by Bruce Buchanan.

10. W.M.U. report by Mrs. Bob Banner and discussed by E. G. Hays, was adopted.

11. The Moderator called D. N. Jones to the chair while he gave us a report and message on Evangelism. A fine address by Bro. Hodges.

12. An offering taken for the Treasury—Amt. $25.80.

13. By request Ed W. Buchanan and his singers sang "Some Day We Shall Meet" Adjourned with prayer by Astor Buchanan.

PROCEEDINGS SECOND DAY

Held with Big Meadow Church, Aug. 22

1. The Association met at 9:30. Song "Amazing Grace". Devotion was by C. W. Bazemore who also gave us facts about the Biblical Recorder.

2. Visitors and correspondents were C. W. Bazemore and Rev. J. M. Hayes of the Baptist Home for the Ageing; Dr. M. H. Kendall of Mars Hill; Dr. W. K. McGee of the Hospital and Dr. M .A. Huggins of the State Board; Marse Grant, editor of Charity and Children, Mills Home, Thomasville, and Rev. Charlie Woody of Mitchell County.

3. Report on Education was by W. W. Braswell and discussed by him and Dr. Kendall. Adopted.

4. Relief and Annuity. Report by Roy Brown and the report on Public Morals was by R. L. Painter.

5. Cooperative Program report was by J. W. Costner and discussed by him and Dr. Huggins. Adopted.

6. Adjourned with prayer by Ned Hughes.

AFTERNOON

7. Reassembled at 1:00. After a song the devotion was by Rev. J. M. Hayes who also brought greetings from our old folk in his care.

8. Report on Hospitals was by Ira Hodges and discussed by him and Dr. McGee. Adopted.

Ira Hodges was retained as representative for the Hospital.

9. Orphanage report read by the Clerk. Marse Grant brought greetings from the Orphanage and made a fine address. Rev. Vivian Brown was elected Orphanage representative.

10. Reports adopted at this time were: Place and Preacher, Resolutions, Finance.

11. The Clerk at this time gave some interesting historical facts. The Roan Mountain Baptist Association was here 91 years ago and S. M. Collis was Moderator, J. P. Dickson, Clerk. James Collis preached the sermon. 38 years ago the Clerk himself was here at the Association as a Delegate and 25 years ago was here as Clerk of the Association.

12. Obituaries were read by Ed W. Buchanan and he sang the old but true song "We Are Passing Away".

13. By request Ed W. Buchanan, his sister and niece, and Molt Buchanan sang "I Want To Be An Angel" and in the good old time Christian Spirit the Association closed a good session with prayer by D. N. Jones.

Mack Hodges, Moderator
Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Around our Baptist Hospital is a busy place. In the Reception Room of the Out-Patients Department one may see people from every part of the state waiting for examination and care. Many have come because their local doctors have sent them, and others have come because their pastors recommended the hospital to them, and many others have come because they have heard of the excellent work done at the hospital.

In regard to getting an examination—this is the way it is done—Patients are referred to a specific clinic and appointments for examinations are made in advance. Appointments may be made by letter addressed to the Director of the Out-Patient Department. Such letters should be as descriptive of the patients condition as possible. Due to overcrowding, patients who come without appointment cannot be examined if appointment quotas for that day are filled. Anyone can write or call the Out-Patient Department and get the appointment. A charge of $5.00 takes care of all expenses of examination except X-Ray and Labratory studies. Due to an overcrowded condition, sometimes a patient may have to wait a few days for a bed.

The new wing of the hospital is being constructed, and will in the near future be ready for service.

The hospital has a School of Nursing that is fully approved by the N. C. Board of Nurse Examiners. If young ladies are interested they should write.

The hospital ministers to the patient both physically and spiritually.

Let us of AVERY ASSOCIATION stand by the hospital with our prayers and money.

Ira Hodges
Hospital Representative

EVANGELISM

What does the word "EVANGELISM" mean? Evangelism, in the broadest sense, means any testimony borne to another by a Christian with a view to making Christ known and accepted. This witness may be borne in sermon, in song, in personal conversation, by the spoken or the written word, or by the influence of character and conduct.

Southern Baptists believe in and practice evangelism. For many years we have surpassed all other evangelical religious bodies in America in the extent and fruitfulness of our evangelistic efforts.

There is a shallow evangelism that would seek primarily to add numbers to the membership of a church. Then there is an evangelism that stirs the emotions and leads to outward profession, but fails to anchor to Christ and his church. Again, there is a dry-eyed intellectual evangelism that presents a system of doctrine and a standard of morals, but lacks power to translate creed and ethic into life. More common is warm-hearted, sensible doctrinally sound evangelism that is inadequate because it is confined to a brief season of revival, and is not sufficiently preceded and followed by enlistment in service and norture of the implanted life.

We need for our day a vital evangelism—the living testimony of convincing Christians that Christ is able to save and keep and make strong and useful and happy all who come to God through him. Humanity has many needs, but deeper than any other is the need for a living Lord who can and will save "unto the uttermost", He has saved us, if so be that we are saved. And now he is saying to us who call him Saviour, "Ye shall be my witnesses."

Respectively submitted,
Mack Hodge

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from churches last year	$199.43
Paid out	$195.50
BALANCE	$ 3.93

Ed W. Buchanan, Treasurer

ORPHANAGE REPORT

We feel there is not a more adequate way in which to serve the Lord than by supporting our Orphanage. It is not only the duty of every Christian but a very precious privilege.

The management at Thomasville is capably doing its part in carrying on the work in a great way and using the money sent in by the churches to the best possible advantage.

The Institution belongs to the Baptists of North Carolina and we as individuals and as local institutions should feel our responsibility in carrying on the work. "To him that Knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin."—James 4:17.

Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not." The orphanage not only attends to the physical needs of the child but also his spiritual welfare.

We would like to make an appeal to each of the churches in our Association to set aside one Sunday in each month for making an offering for this great cause. According to last years reports there were several churches that had not made any contributions to the Orphanage. This is regrettable and we hope that all churches will fall in line and give their support.

A. I. Greene

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Oftimes we are asked, "What is the Cooperative Program," and associated with the above question one hears the word "Board" promiscuously used with a slaring accent. God's people are exorted again and again to study, to cooperate, to be one in the giving of the glorious Gospel of our Lord to a dying world of men and women, boys and girls. Coupled with the "COMMISSION" we are told to "love our neighbor as ourselves." The answer of Jesus to the scribe was clear that we must consider all our world that is in need of the Gospel, OUR NEIGHBORS.

So what is the Cooperative program? It is a plan whereby all the Baptist churches in our Convention can pool our offerings for all the program of Christ and have them accumulate and be distributed to every worthy cause of Christ around the world, and this distribution is under the supervision of the State Convention. Many of our churches are not able financially to send large gifts to the many causes of Christ at one time, but with the giving of our small monthly offerings to the Cooperative program we are privileged to see the small gift of a small child as he brings his Offering to God on Sunday morning, that gift if properly placed in a well balanced Church Budget, goes to support every cause that Southern Baptists support to the ends of the earth in teaching, healing and ministering to the sick in the program of our Lord. The only reason we do not mention the Orphan Child here in North Carolina is because we have the Direct method of caring for them in our Convention. And let me say here, that there is a movement on right now to change th Orphanag support from the direct gift to go through the Cooperative Program. It is not the intention of this writer to say "this is this, and that is that" in he matter, but whatever way God wants it done, HE will lead us to do, and that without complaint.

In carrying out the work of our Cooperative Program let me say, that North Carolina Baptists are mindful of the fact that Jesus did not say to AMERICA alone to carry out his program at the expense of neglecting the possibilities here within our camps. The "Commission" was, and is, to all Followers of Christ around the World. North Carolina Baptists believe in giving the Gospel to all our people from the oftime slogan spoken from Murphy to Manteo, and to all the world. Why would a twice born Soul with his or her name on a Baptist Church Book cry over the little negro child in Africa and neglect the negro child here in North Carolina. With all our help to all the people in all the people in all the worthy places, we still see the need of helping those who will help themselves.

This year 1952 we will realize in gifts through the Program of our Lord app. *Three and One-Half millions of Dollars...* There are single counties in North Carolina that will sell *that much* so-called, saturated with the breath of hell, *legalized LIQUOR*. It is now costing several thousand of dollars to meet in the General Board meetings of the convention trying to cut a little here, and stretch a little there in dividing this Three and One Half Millian Dollars in the thousands of ways it has to be spent for the program of God.

What are Avery County Baptists Doing?

Those of you who take time to inform yourself know that The Baptist Churches in Avery County are doing more now than at any other time in the history of the Association. Twenty six of the twenty eight churches have sent in an offering to the cooperative program from Jan. 1st through June 30th. It's possible that all have had a part by now if the records are correct.

I had rather be accused of stealing from man than to steal from God. Those of you who fail to give God at least one tenth of your income THROUGH THE CHURCH, and the churches who fail to support Missions to the ends of the earth are simply STEALING FROM GOD. No Church has a moral right to expect the blessings of God and refuse to honor His Word. Arise and let us be going.

Respectfully,
J. W. Costner.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held with Belview on the First Day and at Minneapolis on the Second Day. It being the 20th and 21st days of August.

And that Rev. Roy Brown preach the sermon on the first day and Rev. Elliott Hayes preach the second day at eleven o'clock.

Respectfully,
V. W. Greene
Roy F. Brown
Ned Hughes
Committee

PERIODICALS

What a person reads will determine largely the type of person he will be. The more a member of a church knows about the program of his church the more efficient he will become in the work he can do in his church. Far too many of our Baptist children read material not suitable for Christian growth. We feed our children food conducive to physical growth and then let their minds starve for want of food needed for mental growth.

It is tragic to teach children to read and then let their minds starve for want of food needed for mental growth. No denomination has better literature for the growth and development of its members in the different phases of its work than the Baptists have. If we fail to give our children the literature needed to equip them thoroughly for efficient church work and give them the desire and willingness to do this work in a proficient way we fail miserably in the Bible command to train up a child in the way he should go.

We recommend the following periodicals to be placed in every Baptist home: Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, The Commission, Southern Baptist Home Missions, Royal Service, Home Life, The Window of Y. W. A., Ambassador Life and World Comrades.

R. T. Teague

REPORT ON B. T. U.

The Training Union should be in the lead in every Church in our Association. It's to train our boys and girls in a way that when they are old they will not depart from it. It also helps them in knowing the Bible better. I think every Pastor should insist that every Church have a Training Union and the Deacons should get behind this and help organize for better training and encourage our young folk every way possible, for in the near future they will be the leaders in the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Vivian Brown

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1. Resolve that we tender a rising vote of thank to the good folks of Sugar Mountain for their hospitality and for the good dinner served us.

W. W. Braswell, Com.

No. 2. Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to the good people of Big Meadow for the wonderful dinner and kindness.

Rev. E. G. Hayes, Com.

Be it resolved that we the Ministers of this Association have voted unanimously to hold a conference once each month, first meeting to be held at Whites Memorial Tuesday the 9th day of September and on Tuesday after the first Sunday in each month thereafter. The Deacons and Superintendents are also invited to attend these meetings.

Signed by the Ministers of Avery Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Held with Whites Memorial Church, July 25, 1952

1. Promptly at 9:30 o'clock the superintendent, Rev. Ted Braswell, called the Association to order. Singing led by W. M. Buchanan. Prayer by Charlie Woody. Devotion by Rev. Frank Brown.

2. Roll call and eleven Sunday schools answered with the following to-wit: Big Meadow, 12 delegates; Belview, 4 delegates; Cranberry, 1 delegate; Chestnut Dale, 5 delegates; Crossnore, 12 delegates; Elk Valley, 2 delegates; Green Valley, 4 delegates; Minneapolis, 1 delegate; Pleasant Hill, 18 delegates; Stamey Town, 3 delegates; Whites Memorial, 11 delegates; Yellow Mountain, 2 delegates.

Eighteen Sunday Schools did not answer. 4 superintendents were present. Visitors welcomed were Rev. Charlie Woody and Rev. Frank Parson, Supt., of Mitchell County Sunday Schools.

ORGANIZATION

3. Rev. William Grindstaff of Kalmia was elected County Superintendent and Ed W. Buchanan was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed with first named as chairman. Time and Place—J. H. Vance, Homer Calloway and W. M. Buchanan. Resolutions—Rev. Frank Parsons, Rev. Mack Hodges and Frank Brown.

Offering taken for printing programs—the amount was $13.50.

4. Summary on the past years' work was by Ted Braswell. The local superintendents present were Homer Calloway, Vestor Stafford, Ed Buchanan and J. H. Vance. The Convention sermon was by Mack Hodges who delivered an inspiring message which was enjoyed by all.

Special song by Ed W. Buchanan's quartet.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Roy Brown.

AFTERNOON

5. The Convention reassembled at 1:15 after a fine dinner served by the good folks of Whites Memorial. More spiritual and inspiring singing by Buchanans, which was much enjoyed. Devotion by Rev. Roy Brown, who also gave a fine message. Prayer by Hubert Carpenter.

6. One of the highlights of the day was a message by Kermit Cooper on "What Sunday School Has Meant To Me".

7. Report of Committee on Time and Place.

TIME AND PLACE

We recommend that the next session be held with Chestnut Dale on Friday before the 4th Sunday, it being the 24th day of July, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Vance
Homer Calloway
W. M. Buchanan

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that we express our thanks to the good people of Whites Memorial and community for the bountiful and fine cooked dinner and we ever thank God for them and his wonderful Grace.

Rev. Frank Parsons
Rev. Mack Hodges
Rev. Frank Brown

8. Offering taken for Rev. J. C. Brown, amount was $26.00 and was sent with our sympathy and prayers for his recovery.

9. Rev. Frank Parsons gave us a fine message at this time. The Buchanans sang some old Christian Harmony songs that were much enjoyed. In the good old time Christian Spirit the Convention came to a close with thanks to God for such a good day, and prayer by W. M. Buchanan.

Rev. Ted Braswell, Superintendent
Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

For the 41st annual session of the Avery Baptist Association let us in retrospect for at least a few years in order that we may be able to see if we are merely meeting as a body of Christian workers, and making recommendations and then returning to our respective churches and doing nothing about the reports and recommendations until the next annual meeting.

Now for this year I beg to submit the following brief suggestions: In 1951 we had 47,625 students enrolled in the colleges and seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. North Carolina had almost 10 percent of these, or 4,762. Each year in North Carolina we have approximately 15,000 Baptist boys and girls graduating from standard high schools and of these not more than 4,000 go to any college, and of those who do go not more than out of four go to a Baptist college, this means that 1,000 of our youth choose to go to our seven Baptist colleges and 3,000 go to other schools for their advanced educational work.

In order to bring this nearer home and make it more impressive let us look at Avery County. In 1952 the high schools graduated one hundred and twenty of our boys and girls, as follows: Newland, 12 boys and 19 girls; Cranberry, 20 boys and 26 girls; Crossnore 21 boys and 20 girls; Elk Park colored school, 1 boy and 1 girl.

For the present year, starting August 28 the outlook is as follows: Newland has 26 entering the senior class; Cranberry has 72 and Crossnore has 54. A majority of these boys and girls are from Baptist homes, because Avery County has always been predominately Baptist.

I wonder how many Baptist pastors have visited these schools and talked with these boys and girls. I wonder if any Layman has encouraged even one boy or girl to enter one of our seven schools of higher training. Do we expect our cause to grow of its own violition? We have a few fine young men and women in our county who have had their training in our denominational schools.

I would like to suggest and recommend to the Association that these trained young people be assigned to work in our local schools and churches, and be requested to report the results of their efforts to the next annual session, and their report shall become a part of the record for 1953.

I venture to predict that within a few years the Baptist work in Avery County will begin to show growth and strength and that we will be able to take justifiable pride in the work we are attempting to carry on for our Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. Braswell

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR THE AGING

RESTHAVEN, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Operation of Resthaven was begun March 16, 1951. Soon after the opening, it was filled to capacity, twenty residents. When the news spread of the beginning, applications began to accumulate rapidly. To date, there have been close to 500 inquiries. Had there been rooms available, and all applicants could have made financial arrangement, our Home would have had 200 residents instead of only twenty at present.

There is encouraging prospect of getting the top floor of the present building completed, which will provide space for fifteen additional residents. The cost of this enlargement project has been underwritten by a business man of Winston-Salem, who is not a Baptist. This same friend has already donated a television set, and has concreted the basement of the Home.

Our residents range in age from 64 to 92 years, and come from widely scattered sections of our State—Franklin to Elizabeth City. All rejoice in the opportunity to be in the Home. Here are some of their statements:

"I like this good Christian Home and all the family. I would not exchange it for any other in all the world."—Mrs. J. L. Smith, coming from Franklin.

"This 'more than we expected' about this Home makes us all hope and pray that more men and women may come to enjoy its many blessings."—Miss Ella Moffett, coming from Southern Pones.

"I never thought I would be so happy in my last years of life."—John Holt, age 92, coming from Wilson Mills.

In spite of the fact that Resthaven did not receive financial assistance last year from the Baptist State Convention (except a loan which was repaid), it was operated clear of a deficit. How did this happen? By the Lord laying our needs upon the hearts of friends and causing them to respond. Of course, the Home was compelled to charge the cost of keep from the residents who came on the monthly-pay plan. The income from this source, together with that coming from residents giving property or cash for their maintenance, plus donations by churches and auxiliary organizations and friends, enabled the Home to pay its way and to accumulate assets in excess of $100,000.00.

Beginning the year 1952, with the new Nine Year Program, our Home receives three-fourths of 1 percent of the funds to be divided. From this source has come less than $500.00 per month since January of this year. The Home is estimated to receive a total of approximately $500,000.00 in NINE YEARS. It is apparent, therefore, that slow provision for enlarged facilities will be made to accommodate the hundreds of aging people who want to come to our Home, unless funds come from other sources than our denominational program as it now operates.

Our Home presents a great challenge to North Carolina Baptists to provide adequate facilities. There are probably 100,000 people in our State past 65 years of age, and a large number of these are of Baptist faith. We must make provision as time and finances permit for these aging Baptists. Since Baptists of our State now number more than 700,000 in membership, we are well able to make such provision. If every Baptist would give an average of $1.00 to our Home in one year, we could raise $700,000.00 and not one person would suffer hardship. As soon as a practical and adequate plan of support can be agreed upon, it is reasonable to expect that our Baptist Home will be worthily supported.

Many suggestions have been made as to the best plan of supporting our Home. Among them are: (1) Fifth Sunday offerings through the Sunday schools, as the Virginia Baptist Home plan; (2) special day offering, as the Mother's Day plan for our Baptist Hospital; and (3) putting the Home in the local church budget, and appealing to the churches that have no budget for at least one special offering a year.

Either of these plans, supplemented by such special gifts as may come from individuals and corporations, and provision made in wills, would enable the Home to make reasonable progress, and thus enlarge our facilities on the pay-as-you-go plan.

We are closing our report with a statement made by a prominent furniture manufacturer, Mr. B. C. Philpott, of Lexington, N. C.

"I consider this one of the most important forward steps the Baptists of North Carolina have taken in a long time, because it is indeed a great move and one that has been neglected all too long.

Mrs. Philpott and I want to have a part in this fine undertaking, and herewith you will find my check for one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars, which we desire used as a memorial to our son, B. C. Philpott, Jr.

May the Lord continue to bless you in such a noble work."

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

Prepared by:
James M. Hayes, Sup't.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The Relief and Annuity Board was established largely because of a sense of guilt which troubled many Southern Baptists, due to the fact that so little assistance was being given to our retired preachers.

Every community has seen old preachers destitute and often objects of charity. Frequently widows, some with small children, were left without any source of income. Southern Baptists were embarrassed and rightly so, that such conditions were allowed to exist.

The founding of the Relief and Annuity Board with its relief department in 1918, was a determined effort to solve this problem. The Relief Department began to function immediately. Those who were responsible for the organization of the board felt that its major work would always be that of relief. In recent years the retirement was launched and has enjoyed amazing growth, however relief work is the major problem.

By December 1951 exactly 31,000 certificates had been issued in the Retirement Plane alone. The total for that year was 2,437 and 15,000 Baptist churches were cooperating in the plan. 2,486 individuals were receiving regular annuity checks, 1,126 being retired ministers. Payments to these beneficiaries was nearly a million and a half dollars for the year 1951. The assets at the end of the year stood $23,000,000, an increase of 13.7 per cent over last year. 114 per cent since its organization.

A pastor may become a member by paying four per cent of his salary while the church pays an additional four per cent. The pastor may withdraw any time and receive back all he has invested with accrued interest, but the church can not get back what they have paid. Payments may be made quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

Respectfully,
Roy F. Brown.

W. M. U

Perhaps it would have been wise for this report of 1952 to have been written by someone else—yet the study of the past year's work, which has been necessary for such a report, has been very stimulating.

Recognizing the power of the printed page and realizing the importance of enlisting our women in missions and the value of missionary endeavor in our churches, we bring you this written report of the womens' work of the Avery Association for the twelve months past.

First, we urge all churches to give more emphasis to women's work.

Second, for every gain we thank God and take courage. For every failure we beg forgiveness and ask Him for another opportunity. Only God knows the faithful service given by some. "There is much progress still to make, though foes may bar."

The usual meetings and conferences, associational and divisional, have been well attended and have had programs well prepared and well presented.

The annual meeting was held at Newland, having Miss Hattie Mae Gardner, Missionary to Nigeria; Mrs. John Wacaster, State W. M. U. Field Representative; and Mr. Bill W. Jackson, State R. A. Secretary, as our guests.

In offerings, we have placed upon His altar many love gifts to be used to enlarge His work. We have gone forward in gifts, under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Angel.

"The gospel to every creature" makes every saved person responsible for the salvation of every unsaved person. For 1953 we are urging the establishment of twice as many family altars. If families will pray together, they will stay together. Wisely has the watchword for next year been chosen: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

History teaches us that if we expect the future to have something in store for us, we must have something in store for the future. A democracy that makes of its first-class soldiers, second-class citizens, once the uniform is off, is not teaching real democracy. We must make Christianity a living reality within our land. Unknown to us today, we are preparing the world leaders of tomorrow. Our W. M. U. Book List, "World in Books," offers a tempting fare in books and teaching materials. We have gone forward in Mission Study under the capable leadership of Mrs. Lloyd Sudderth. If we knew, for sure, that teaching missions day in and day out, thoroughly and ceaselessly, in every one of the twenty-nine churches in the Avery Association would positively prevent another World War, would we do it? A boy who was brought up in a country Baptist church, built on a corner of his grandfather's farm; who accepted Christ and was baptisted in a small Baptist Mission Church in a western city; and who has spent the years of his manhood as a member of his boyhood church home, is today the President of these United States. All unknown to them, his teachers, his home, his church got him ready for this task, and today has a part in his successes and failures. Some have planted, others have watered, "but God gave the increase."

We have gone forward in Young People's work under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. T. Tanner. The crowning experiences of the year have been our observance of the Seasons of Prayer.

The Margaret Fund Chairman, Mrs. Felton Sudderth, has enrolled two Margarets during the year. Let me urge each society to secure the enrollment of Margarets in their churches. Two dollars or up to any amount will enroll a Margaret for life, the money going into the permanent endowment fund. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." For many years the watchword of the Margaret Fund has been the words of the Apostle

Paul to the young Timothy, "Guard well that which is committed to thy trust."

"If you cannot cross the ocean
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the needy nearer,
You can help them at your door."

Believing God is the same yesterday, today and forever, may we hear Him say to us,

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

Humbled by our failures but encouraged by some victories, let us rededicate ourselves to the task ahead.

Signed:
Mrs. Beatrice T. Banner (Mrs. Bob)

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT BAPTIST ORPHANAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

Thomasville, N. C.

During the past year there has been great activity at both homes of your Orphanage. Under the leadership of Superintendents W. A. Smith of Kennedy Home and C. A. Kearns of Mills Home the affairs of these large families have been so directed as to develop among the children and employees an excellent spirit of cooperation and fair play.

BUILDING PROGRAM

One big task this year has been to see that the terms of the Idol wills were carried out in the erection of certain memorial buildings. In keeping with the wishes of the Idols $100,000.00 of their gift was placed in endowment. The income from this is to be used exclusively to keep the memorial buildings in repair. The remainder of their bequest is now being used as thy specified—to erect a Church, an Infirmary, and a Print Shop.

The Print Shop was completed recently and has been named the Robert M. Idol Memorial Building. The Infirmary is nearing completion and will be named the Lelia M. Idol Memorial Building. The Church with forty-six classrooms is under contract and will be built as soon as steel can be secured. It will be named the Sarah Masten Idol Memorial Building in honor of the Mother of the donors.

In addition to the above we have completed at Mills Home a new cottage for girls, the first in more than twelve years. Then we have completely remodeled three of our oldest cottages. At one time it was thought they would have to be replaced by new ones, but now they are among the best on the campus. By remodeling we saved enough money to enable us to launch a project which will meet one of our greatest needs.

RECREATIONAL CENTER

Mills Home has long felt the need of a place for children to play. Now we are developing the I. G. Greer Recreation Center. The main unit here is a Physical Education Building which is under construction and should be completed before Christmas of this year. When your present building and renovating program is completed, you will doubtless have the best child caring facilities in the South.

MEETING THE CHILD'S NEEDS

During the past year we cared for a total of seven hundred twenty-five children. In addition to these our Social Service staff investigated the applications of six hundred eighty-four children and in many instances helped to find them a home where they could be cared for. A nation, or people, or religious denomination that neglects its children is signing its own death warrant. North Carolina Baptists have always been in the forefront in ministry to the dependent child. For sixty-seven years this service has been carried on through your great Orphanage. This you have financed through the time honored plan of the Once-a-month offering and the Thanksgiving offering. This year there has been very little increase in the Once-a-month offering. In planning for your Thanksgiving offering please bear in mind that prices everywhere continue to rise. The cost of operating the Orphanage is no exception. Hence, if every Baptist will add a little extra to his Thanksgiving offering it will enable us to continue to meet the ever increasing demands of the needy children who look to us for their chance in life.

W. C. Reed,
General Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SUPEDINTENDENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

I am glad of this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to the pastors and superintendents and teachers of the Avery Association who so nicely and courteously cooperated with me the past year in the work as your superintendent.

I also submit my apologies to the churches and Sunday schools that I was unable to visit due to other duties.

I also offer my humble prayer and best wishes to our brother, Rev. William Grindstaff in this great work as Superintendent this year.

Most all churches contributed to the cause. Total amount received by me was $119.00—$7.00 per church visited.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Braswell

REPORT ON PUBLIC MORALS

The subject of public morals covers much material. It brings up man's dealings with his fellow men. It deals with the home relations. It covers the question of temperance. The fact that it is public morals takes it out of the realm of christians and makes it inclusive of all men.

I do not have the figures that may be as definite as I would like to be in this report. But I believe that we would all agree that there is too much greed in this world. The fighting going on in Korea is evidence of that fact. The book of James teaches that greed is at the bottom of wars. There is plenty of selfishness in our own country. As to the home relations, divorce has increased greatly, showing a break down of happy home relations. The papers report a great increase in the sale of alcoholic drinks. It seems to me that public morals have not improved in recent years.

The Christian Religion deals with this question. When Christ saves a person, that saved one will be a better citizen and a better one in the home. If this world is made a better world, Christian people must make it better. Christians are the "salt of the earth" they are to purify and make it better. Let us as Christians carry the Christian Religion into all walks of life. Let us seek the salvation of others and this world will be made better.

R. L. Painter.

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Man dieth and wasteth away, yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he. Job 14-10.

Since our last meeting 24 brothers and sisters have gone to their reward to-wit:

Belview	Mr. Jones English
Cranberry	Deacon W. M. Gouge, Mrs. Amanda Reece
Beech Mountain	Mrs. Callie Jones
Fall Creek	Mr. Dolph Gray, Mrs. Lettie Parlier
Fair View	Rev. Isaac W. Woody
Elk Valley	Miss Mary Bumgarner, Miss Ola Belle Smith
Jonas Ridge	Deacon L. C. Shell, Corline Philips
Minneapolis	Mrs. Mae Lewis Ollis
Pleasant Valley	Deacon Boyd Hicks, Deacon Roy Haga, Mr. Robert Guynn
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Matilda Hughes, Mrs. Grady Riddle, Miss Laura Buchanan
Pineola	Rev. Roy Phillips, Deacon Jesse Buchanan
Powder Mill	Mr. William Goins
Roaring Creek	Mrs. Mary Greene
Stamey Town	Mrs. Bertha Mace, Mrs. Linnie Stamey

We humbly bow to the will of HIM who doeth all things well.

Humbly submitted,
Ed W. Buchanan
R. T. Lewis

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES

Historical Table

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson ..
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountan	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powdermill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Belview	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill and Minneapolis	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyatt
1946	Jonas Ridge and Oak Grove	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1947	Cranberry	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Frank Brown
1948	Powdermill	V. W. Greene	Ed. W. Buchanan	Dayton Jones
1949	Crossnore and Mt. Pleasant	D. N. Jones	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ben Wood
1950	Aaron and Newland	J. W. Costner	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1951	Elk Valley and Valley Haven	J. C. Brown	Ed. W. Buchanan	A. G. Brooks

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers
Aaron	V		2-4	Farnk St. John, Lenoir	3	4	6	91	14	105	2	
Big Meadow	R	1847	3	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	14			79	92	117	2	
Beech Mtn.	R	1863	2-4	Lawrence Hagaman, Zion Hill	5	5	6	120	45	165	2	
Belview	R		1-3	Ned Hughes, Spruce Pine		3	4	62	51	113	1	2
Cranberry	V		4	C. A. Buchanan, Toecane	1		2	88	28	116	1	10
Chestnut Dale	R		1-3	Vivian Brown, Minneapolis	2			44	13	57	1	
Crossnore	V		All	Roy F. Brown, Crossnore	5	13	7	138	84	222	2	32
Elk Valley	R	1882	1-3	D. N. Jones, Heaton	3		12			161	1	
Elk Park	T		1-3	E. B. Hughes, Johnson City, Tenn.		1	4			71		
Fall Creek	R	1885	1-3	D. N. Jones, Heaton	8		5	150	62	212	1	44
Fair View	R	1942	2	Ernest Canipe, Bakersville	4		1			71	2	
Flat Springs	R	1902	1-3	Bynum Trivett	7		6	192	28	220	2	
Green Valley	R	1886	2-4	Frank Brown, Cranberry	6		4	95	43	138	1	5
Henson Creek	R	1900	2-4	Jeff Willis, Toecane			3	79	28	107	1	
Jonas Ridge	R	1933	1-3		6		4	83		85	2	
Minneapolis	V		2-4	D. N. Jones, Heaton	7	1	1	84	33	117	2	
Mt. Pleasant	R	1879	1-3	L. L. Estep, Hughes	19	5	4	135		150	1	9
Newland	T		All	J. W. Costner, Newland	18	6		131	94	225		
Oak Grove	R		2-4	A. D. Lail, Connelly Springs						100	1	
Pineola	V	1925	2-4	J. A. Buchanan, Spruce Pine	5	2	6	38	43	81	1	
Pleasant Hill	R	1905	1-3	Mack Hodges, Bakersville	8	1	5	231	120	351	2	
Pleasant Valley	R	1914	1-3	Earl Teaster, Cedarview, Tenn.	5		9	59	65	124	1	
Powder Mill	R	1914	1-3	J. C. Francisco, Elizabethton, Tenn.						83	1	
Roaring Creek	R	1871	4	Park Whitson, Bakersville	5		1	90	18	108	2	
Stamey Town	R	1948	1	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	9	1	3	33	12	45	2	
Sugar Mtn.	R	1950	2-4	E. G. Hayes, Montezuma	10	12				38	2	10
Valley Haven	R	1948	1-4	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	4			44	18	62	1	7
Whites Memorial	R	1949	2	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine						49	1	
Yellow Mtn.	R				5	2	[illegible]			104	1	1
Totals					159	56	99	2066	891	3596	39	120

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Vacation Bible School Enrolment
Aaron	Edgar Pritchard, Moutezuma				12	13	17		42	84	
Big Meadow	Homer Caloway, Plumtree			17	6	13	10	15	30	85	
Beech Mtn.	Dave Trivett, Heaton			7	13	24	21	15	22	97	97
Belview	J. R. Ollis, Cranberry		4	16	12	18	20	6	50	126	
Cranberry	John Holsclaw, Cranberry		14	12	22	28	32	30	30	168	
Chestnut Dale	Geter Isaacs, Frank	5		6	3	4	7	10	15	54	
Crossnore	John Webb, Crossnore	15	15	15	22	30	7	26	54	184	69
Elk Valley	Ernest Eller, Heaton		2	6	12	26	16	12	30	150	
Elk Park	R. C. Isaacs, Elk Park		4	8	9	12	12	10	25	80	30
Fall Creek	D. C. Cook, Whaley			13	12	19		23	32	154	
Fair View	James Puckett, Kalmia			20		9	1[illegible]	15	12	74	
Flat Springs	Cleo Jones, Whaley		10	50		18	25	80	35	175	
Green Valley	Kelley Ollis, Kalmia			8		8	5	9	21	54	
Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Spear			10		8		16	10	60	
Jonas Ridge	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge			4	6	10	12	6	14	52	
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis									81	
Mt. Pleasant	H. S. Burleson, Newland Rt.	5		10	15	15	15	25	20	105	52
Newland	Bruce Daniels, Newland			14	12	15	14	16	34	109	62
Oak Grove	Arnold Parker, Newland				15	12	15	15	25	90	
Pineola	Lloyd Thompson, Pineola				19	13	7	11	14	64	
Pleasant Hill	Ed W. Buchanan, Minneapolis			20	15	24	25	48	40	175	
Pleasant Valley	Robert Hicks, Elk Park			10	9	10	7	9	20	65	
Powder Mill	Joe Cantrell, Senia			20	20			20	20	80	44
Roaring Creek	J. G. Hughes, Valley			17	10	10	10	10	14	70	
Stamey Town	Charlie Taylor, Three Mile			12	12		11	12	14	61	
Sugar Mtn.	John Hayes, Montezuma			10			13		20	48	
Valley Haven	Larry Draughan, Banner Elk			18	8	7		17	22	65	33
Whites Memoria	George Huskins, Kalmia			17	12	15		12	40	96	
Yellow Mtn.	Vestor Stafford, Spear			6	12	9		24	12	71	
Totals		25	29	346	278	372	317	492	717	2777	387

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Beginner Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Beginners Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Garnd Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Aaron	Edward Sudderth, Montezuma		1											38	25
Beech Mtn.	Joe Parlier, Whaley	1			1						35			35	21
Crossnore	Arvel Clark	1		1	1	1	5	15	5	20	20	35	3	98	61
Elk Park	Jacob B. Isaacs, Elk Park			1					12	12	15		4	43	30
Flat Springs	Luther Harmon, Beech Creek				1						20			20	15
Newland	Mrs. Eula Lecka, Newland			1					12	12	15		4	43	30
Sugar Mtn.	Bessie Price, Montezuma			1					7	16		10	7	30	25

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Aaron	Mrs. Bertha Pritchard, Montezuma	1		12		
Belview	Mrs. Flossie Gouge, Cranberry	1		11		
Crossnore	Mrs. Paul Ward, Crossnore	1		30		16
Elk Park	Mrs. Maud Angel, Elk Park	1	1	20	18	5
Newland	Mrs. Paul Vance, Newland	1		21		
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Hazel Ollis, Frank	1		11		
Sugar Mtn.	Mrs. Hugh Braswell, Newland	1		7		4

TABLE F—GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Local Gifts (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans' Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Mission Gifts	Grand Total Gifts for All Causes
Aaron	W. W. Braswell, Montezuma	1324.00	405.00											1729.00
Big Meadow	Lawrence Carpenter, Three Mile	560.00	407.00	207.00			100.00			222.00	45.00	82.00	657.00	1625.00
Beech Mtn.	Truman Church, Heaton	1300.00	784.00			9.00				15.00	50.00			2135.00
Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry	468.00	468.00			15.00	16.00	15.00		45.00	30.00	71.00	181.00	1110.00
Cranberry	Mrs. Earl Greene, Cranberry	1120.00	360.00							12.00	34.00	619.00		1478.00
Chestnut Dale	Mrs. R. Johnson, Frank		300.00							15.00	10.00		25.00	325.00
Crossnore	Lois W. Clark, Crossnore	3137.00	1636.00	120.00		75.00	50.00	50.00		86.00	40.00	30.00	451.00	5244.00
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk		528.00					27.00		90.00	57.00	69.00		796.00
Elk Park	John Whaley, Elk Park	912.00	260.00	55.00	10.00	15.00	11.00	30.00	2.00	80.00	70.00		222.00	1444.00
Fall Creek	Bulah Dugger, Heaton	1762.00	432.00							50.00	15.00	172.00	236.00	2431.00
Fair View	Dewey Hughes, Kalmia		300.00											300.00
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek	446.00	725.00			2.00				67.00	20.00		89.00	1260.00
Green Valley	Guy Pittman, Kalmia	2257.00	480.00				79.00	7.00		31.00	32.00	109.00	259.00	2996.00
Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Spear	153.00	288.00											441.00
Jonas Ridge	P. A. Shell, Jonas Ridge	331.00	396.00			7.00				189.00	10.00		206.00	934.00
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis	1154.00	550.00	51.00						182.00		717.00		1705.00
Mt. Pleasant	Dorthy P. Daniels, Newland		822.00							75.00	60.00	69.00	837.00	1666.00
Newland	Finley Banner, Newland	8922.00	2600.00	195.00		25.00		127.00		110.00	57.00	104.00	619.00	12144.00
Oak Grove	Walter Coffey, Newland	314.00	340.00							20.00				554.00
Pineola	Mrs. Edna Moir, Pineola	337.00	350.00			18.00		15.00		23.00	10.00	79.00		667.00
Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis, Frank	1381.00	1225.00					97.00	33.00	134.00	100.00	30.00	394.00	2938.00
Pleasant Valley	W. C. Hicks, Elk Park	26.00	111.00			1.00				4.00	5.00	17.00		165.00
Powder Mill			301.00							10.00	10.00	414.00		735.00
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Valley		80.00								3.00	167.00		250.00
Stamey Town	Bob Mace, Three Mile	85.00	144.00								19.00			248.00
Sugar Mtn.	Mrs. Hugh Braswell, Newland	566.00	302.00	12.00				15.00		56.00	16.00	190.00		967.00
Valley Haven	Mrs. Snow Perry, Banner Elk	729.00	187.00			16.00				19.00	22.00	90.00	146.00	917.00
Whites Memorial	Jerry Ingram, Ingalls	902.00	300.00			23.00				20.00	20.00	28.00	91.00	1294.00
Yellow Mtn.	T. J. Green		300.00							8.00	42.00	50.00		410.00
Totals		28205.00	15381.00	640.00	10.00	206.00	256.00	383.00	35.00	1563.00	777.00	3107.00	4413.00	48917.00

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Sunday School Supt.	William Grindstaff
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Orphanage	A. G. Brooks
Hospitals	Ira Hodges
Evangelism	Ted Braswell
Public Morals	Ira Hodges
Cooperative Program	W. W. Braswell
Periodicals	Mack Hodges
Home for the Aged	Ed W. Buchanan
Stewardship	D. N. Jones

MINISTERS NOT PASTORS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

(For Pastors See Tables)

W. A. Braswell, Guy Blair, Vivian Brown, Jess Cook, Earl Carver, L. L. Estep, Calvin Guy, Troy Guy, V. W. Greene, Glen Gentry, Gaither Harmon, J. G. Hughes, Ham Hobson, E. B. Harold, C. E. New, Jeff Pyatte, James Puckett, Virgill Parlier, Dudley Trivette, Edwin C. Thompson, L. W. Woody.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the various churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and every additional fifty or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Power and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way. yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objecs and requiremens, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulnees to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the Body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Officers

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer (one person), Historian, and an Executive Committee consisting of the officer of the association and three laymen elected by the association, all of whom shall be elected after the letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office, except the clerk, to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session. The clerk shall continue until the minutes are printed and distributed.

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.

2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.

3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.

4. Receive new churches.

5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6. Fill any vacancy in organization.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Adopt and follow report of Committees on Order of Business as to subjects and discussion.

9. Election of officers.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

DELEGATES LISTED AND MONEY SENT

AARON—$6.00—W. W. Braswell, L. W. Sudderth, Edgar Pritchard.

BIG MEADOW—$7.50—Jenney Pyatt, Homer Calloway, Lambert Benfield.

BEECH MTN.—$8.00—Joe Parlier, Truman Church, Roy McGuire, T. F. Cook.

BELVIEW—$5.00—Maynard Ollis, Julius Ollis, Lusk Henson.

CRANBERRY—$5.00—O. L. Wright, B. B. Ollis, Harris Ollis.

CHESTNUT DALE—$5.00—Lemuel Carpenter, Geter Isaacs, Mary Carpenter.

CROSSNORE—$10.00—J. A. Webb, Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vance, Kenneth Johnson.

ELK VALLEY—$5.00—H. M. Horeny, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eller, Luther Riddle.

ELK PARK—$5.50—F. A. Jewett, F. P. Guinn, Mrs. J. A. Tanner.

FALL CREEK—$5.00—Geo. Crawford, Herby Smith.

FAIR VIEW—$10.00—Avery Hoilman, J. Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Davis.

FLAT SPRINGS—$5.00—A. V. McGuire, Gurney Guy, Russell Noris.

GREEN VALLEY—$4.00—Guy Pittman, Kelley Ollis, Mrs. Dent Weatherman.

HENSON CREEK—$2.00—Louise Dellinger, Stella Dellinger, D. Buchanan.

JONAS RIDGE—$5.00—J. D. Clark, L. T. Shell, Bernard Rose.

MINNEAPOLIS—$5.00—Ed Grindstaff, R. T. Lewis, Earsel Buchanan, Virginia Young.

MT. PLEASANT—$7.00—Dorothy P. Daniel, Robt. Carpenter, Na Daniels.

NEWLAND—$10.00—Eula V. Lecka, Mrs. Fred Taylor, Mrs. Howard Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Banner.

OAK GROVE—$3.00—C. H. New, John Taylor, Emmit Johnson.

PINEOLA—$5.00—Green Buchanan, Lloyd Thompson, Grady Andrews.

PLEASANT HILL—$10.00—L. E. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Molten Buchanan, Charles Pittman, Lois Ward, Mrs. Lincoln Buchanan, Sandra K. Hughes.

PLEASANT VALLEY—$2.00—Mrs. Walter Hicks, Clarence Guinn, Fred Hicks.

POWDER MILL—$3.00—Robt. McKinney, Lora McKinney, Myrtle Watson, Loy Watson.

ROARING CREEK—$2.00—Mrs. Clayton Hughes.

STAMEY TOWN—$3.25—None listed.

SUGAR MTN.—$4.00—Linney Braswell, Gurney Duckworth.

VALLEY HAVEN—$5.00—Rosa Blair, Will Blair, George McGuire.

WHITES MEMORIAL—$5.00—Lucille White, Beula Houston, Irene Young.

YELLOW MTN—Virgell Parlier, D. Buchanan.

PROCEEDINGS FIRST DAY

August 20th, 1953

1. The Avery County Baptist Association in its Forty-Second Annual Session met with Belview Baptist Church. The Moderator, Mack Hodge, presiding.

2. Singing led by Ed W. Buchanan.

3. Worship led by Frank Parsons.

4. On motion the program was adopted. Visitors welcomed were Frank Parsons, Sam Wilson, Homer Johnson and Tyson Buchanan, and Bruce Buchanan, a new Pastor from Mitchell County, Mr. and Mrs. William Puckett and Earl Carver from Three Forks Asso.

5. Roll Call and all churches were represented. Committees appointed were J. H. Vance, A. V. McGuire and Molten Buchanan on Place and Preacher. On Resolutions: E. G. Hayes, W. W. Braswell.

6. Election of Officers. Mack Hodge was elected Moderator; A. G. Brooks, Vice Moderator; R. T. Teague, Historian; E. W. Buchanan, Clerk-Treasurer; J. H. Vance, Dr. F. P. Guinn and A. V. McGuire, executive Committee.

7. Report on Sunday Schools and V. B. S. called for and was not ready. Report on B.T.U. was by Mrs. Eula V. Lecka, and the Association by vote rejected it. Report on Stewardship was by R. T. Teague. Offering taken for Treasury, which amount was $22.80.

8. Charles M. Leonard, Evangelist, sang "My God Is Real". Bruce Buchanan, the new pastor of Belview, gave the folks a welcome.

9. The annual sermon was by Ira Hodges. His theme was "Are You A Believer", and he gave a fine sermon and an earnest appeal to live better. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Hodges.

AFTERNOON

10. After a fine lunch, served at the Church, the Association re-assemled at 1:15. Song "Are You Washed In The Blood". Devotion was by J. A. Buchanan.

11. Report on W. M. U., was by Mrs. J. A. Tanner and she made a fine address.

12. Report on Evangelism by Ernest Canipe and discussed by him. Ted Braswell was elected Secretary on Evangelism for our Association. Report on Religious Literature by W. W. Braswell.

13. Report on Public Morals by George Johnson was read by A. G. Brooks and discussed by him. Ira Hodges was appointed Secretary for our Association to work with the Allied Dry Forces.

14. At request of the Association Ed W. Buchanan and his Christian Harmony Quartette sang some several songs which were much enjoyed.

15. D. N. Jones and Frank Parsons and some others spoke on the subject of the new translation of the Bible being used in our literature and on motion this Association goes on record against the use of it in any way. On motion the meeting adjourned with Prayer by Bro. Homer Johnson.

PROCEEDING SECOND DAY

AFTERNOON

1. The Association met at 9:30. Song "Amazing Grace" by Frank Parsons. Devotion by D. N. Jones.

2. Vice Moderator, presiding. Visitors welcomed were M. H. Kendall, Eugene Olive of Mars Hill, Roger Cook of Meredith College, Rev. Melvin Flynn and Rev. H. H. Roupe of South Carolina, Mrs. Pearl Corbin Clerk of Macon County, and Lee Ayers of Mitchell County.

3. Report on Education was read by the Clerk who called Dr. Kendall to the stand. The following discussed Education: Dr. Olive, Roger Cook. Dr. Kendall gave us a fine address on the subject in general, stressing the work at Mars Hill.

4. Report on Hospitals was read by R. L. Painter who yielded the time to Dr. Richard Young, Chaplain of the Hospital at Winston-Salem, who brought us greetings and made a good speech. On motion Ira Hodges was retained as Representative. (Moderator presiding).

5. Report on Cooperative Program was by A. G. Brooks who presented Dr. M. A. Huggins who discussed the subject, and an appeal for more cooperation.

6. R. L. Painter, Earnest Canipe and L. W. Woody were appointed Committee on Resolutions.

7. Bro. Charles M. Lenord sang "Nothing Between My Soul and My Saviour. Rev. E. G. Hayes brought the sermon. Theme: The Church and its Mission.

8. Adjourned with prayer by Ernest Canipe.

AFTERNOON

9. Met at 1:15 after a bounteous dinner served at the Church. Song "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Devotion by Ted Braswell and Tyson Buchanan.

10. Report on Homes for the Aged was read by the Clerk. Rev. J. M. Hayes brought greetings and told us about the old folks in his care. Ed W. Buchanan was elected representative for our Association.

11. Bro. C. W. Bazemore was recognized and made an appeal for Baptists to read the Baptist papers.

12. Orphanage Report was called and not being ready Bro. Marse Grant, Editor of Charity and Children was presented and brought greetings and a fine report, with pictures and illustrations. A. G. Brooks was elected representative.

13. The following reports were adopted: Resolutions, Finance, Obituaries. On motion of Bro. Earl Carver we recommend that the churches take two offerings a year, one on Mother's Day, and in the Fall for our Hospital.

14. Mrs. Kyle Banner was elected for B.T.U. Director and invited to attend the Preachers and Deacons meetings held on Tuesday after every First Sunday.

15. Requested again Ed W. Buchanan's Christian Harmony Quartette sang three numbers and adjourned a good session, to meet next year with Fair View and Whites Memorial, with prayer by A. G. Brooks.

MACK HODGE, Moderator
Bakersville, N. C.

ED W. BUCHANAN, Clerk
Minneapolis, N. C.

PERIODICALS OR CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

In days of old, the prophet Hosea said, "My people perish for lack of knowledge". Today the devil is exploiting as never before, the power of the printed word. The mails, the news-stands, and too many homes, are loaded with the ugly tide of bad books, periodicals, magazines cleverly designed to delude people, to promote cheap diversions, to glorify worldliness, to encourage Sabbath-breaking and liquor sales with all its attendant evils, and to undermine Christianity in general.

To meet this evil flood of bad literature we have a marvelous array of well printed, sound Baptist periodicals, Sunday School and other Christian publications for every age, spiritual interest and need. Perhaps no denomination in America has so fine a selection of Christian literature as Southern Baptists have today. The aim of it all is to inform, enlist, indoctrinate, unify and inspire our people for faithful service in our Lord's name. Our Christian literature must be magnified and promoted in all the churches if God's work is to go forward.

Today we live in an age far-separated from the time when printing was so scarce that there was only one Bible in the community—and that was chained to the pulpit of the village church. Few homes in our communities today are without at least one copy of the Holy Scriptures. In the providence of God, the distribution of the Bible has been one of the greatest miracles in history. But though the Bible is easily accessible to the average person today, it is often unopened and unread. Any report on Christian literature should urge a serious and more widespread study of the Holy Bible the authoritive word of God and the bed-rock of Christian literature. I would like to recommend The American Bible Society located in Richmond, Va., as a source for securing nice attractively bound Bibles at a price that is within reach of any Church or Sunday-School group in order that each and every one enrolled may have a copy for their own individual use. Last year they distributed in the United States 7,822,644 copies.

There are also supplementary forms of literature that should find their way into our homes. These should include our Sunday School and Training Union publications; our missionary magazines such as The Commission and Home Missions; our North Carolina Orphanage publication, Charity and Children; and our state Baptist paper, The Biblical Recorder. The Biblical Recorder, an attractive and informative religious journal, with a circulation of over 50,000, is really indispensible to our Baptist work in the state and throughout the world. There are three simple subscription plans by which the paper may be obtained: $2.50 a year for single individuals: $2.00 a year in clubs—with at least three subscriptions in churches of less than 100 members; and the every-family plan at the low rate of $1.50 a year. This is of course where each family of the entire church membership subscribe, and I would again like to recommend that the latter plan be used and a good way to do that is to include it in the Church budget. There are three churches in the Avery Association which now have Biblical Recorder groups. I close this report by suggesting that each pastor bring before his church during the coming yeai the idea of the membership being better informed about the Lord's work and the work of the denomination.

"Where ther is no vision, the people perish". Proverbs 29: 18.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. Braswell

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program of the Baptist Churches is a plan through which each individual church can give money to support all the missionary and benevolent work of Southern Baptist people. From this fund that is sent to Baptist Headquarters by the churches each month the expenses of the administration of the Convention and the promotion of our work is paid. This expense is about 3 cents out of the dollar. Then for the State Conventions obligations to other causes there is given to the Woman's Missionary Union 1.8 cents; to the Baptist State Paper 0.6c; to the Brotherhood and Vacation Bible Schools 0.3c and for Retirement funds 0.6c. Of the remaining 92.3c of each dollar, 49 cents is used in our state to support our seven Baptist Colleges, the Baptist Hospital, the Baptist Homes for the Aging, and State Missions which includes the following seventeen activities:

1. Aid to mission pastors.
2. Aid to help purchase lots for new churches.
3. Department of Evangelism
4. Pastors Schools
5. Radio and Visual Aids
6. Support of the Allied Church League.
7. Rural Church program.
8. Loans to Ministeral students.
9. Fruitland and Caswell assemblies.
10. Negro Baptist Convention.
11. Deacons Schools.
12. Schools of Missions.
13. Silent people.
14. Displaced persons.
15. Sunday School Department.
16. Training Union Department.
17. Student Union Department.

The Orphanages will be included commencing in the year 1955.

The remaining 44 cents is sent to the Southern Baptist Convention, which receives funds from 23 states to carry on the work of our Lord all around the world. The Southern Baptist Convention uses this money (the 44 cents from each cooperative program dollar) in the following manner:

1. For Foreign Missions 20.2 cents.
2. For all other objects 23.8 cents.

These other objects are as follows: Home Missions, the five seminaries, the hospital at New Orleans, Radio Commission, Education Commission, Social Service Commission, Historical Commission, Relief and Annuity Board, and expenses of administration.

The Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., does not get money from the cooperative program. Instead, in the year 1952 the Board was able to give to denominational causes the sum of $1,582,663.93.

This great plan has been followed by Missionary Baptists for more than 25 years. The Lord has graciously blessed the efforts of Southern Baptists who serve the Lord and a lost world through this cooperative effort, and who believe that of stewards it is required that a man be found faithful.

Of the 29 churches in the Avery Association, seven gave offerings amounting to $640.00 through the cooperative program in 1952. In 1953 11 of our churches gave $347.78. May all of our churches give to all of the Lord's work among the Baptist People next year through the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. Brooks

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION — JULY 24

The Avery Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Chestnut Dale Church. The meeting was called to order by William Grindstaff, Supt.

Song led by Frank Parsons and prayer by him. Devotion by Charlie Woody. Roll Call and 12 Sunday Schools answered They were: Big Meadow with 1 delegate, Belview 3, Chestnut Dale 5, Fair View 3, Green Valley 5, Minneapolis 1, Newland 3, Pineola 1, Pleasant Hill 3, Stamey Town 6, Whites Memorial 1, Yellow Mtn. 4. 17 Sunday Schools were not represented.

Motion made and carried that the Convention come back here next year, with the same officers, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July 1954.

Reports by the Superintendents present, and they all reported some progress, and some discussion about the new Bible being used in our Literature. The Convention goes on record against the use of it and recommends that we quit using it.

Song "What Is He Worth To Your Soul".

Sermon by Frank Parsons. His theme was: The Deity of Christ and His Mission. This was much enjoyed by all present.

On account of the Polio Epidemic the Convention closed at 12 noon, to meet next year, same time and place. Prayer by James Puckett.

William Grindstaff, Supt.
Ed W. Buchanan, Secy.

FINANCE REPORT — August 1, 1953

Received from all sources	$201.00
Paid Out	$201.00
	Even

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1. Resolved that this Association give a rising vote of thanks to the good folk of Belview for their fine dinner.

E. G. Hayes

No. 2. Resolved that we tender thanks to the good ladies of Minneapolis for the fine and well prepared dinner, and we thank the officers of the Association for their splendid work.

R. L. Painter
L. W. Woody
Ernest Canipe

Explanation By The Clerk

You will notice that there are a few reports missing, but I failed to get them in time. Next time please get your reports to the Association and have them adopted in the proper way. Also in reading the Financial tables there is no cents used only the nearest dollar.

(Clerk)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The North Carolina Baptist Council on Christian Education presents the seven colleges, with their geographical locations, now receiving support from the Baptist State Convention.

There are 5,000 students enrolled annually in these seven institutions.

400 of these are being trained for the Baptist ministry, and an additional 250 are student volunteers for other full-time Christian services.

Each year some 600 students are being graduated from the two senior colleges, and 500 from the junior colleges.

400 officers and teachers work as full-time employees in the seven institutions.

The responsibility for the operation of each of these colleges is vested in a Board of Trustees named by the Baptist State Convention.

They have a net plant value of $15,000,000, and an annual operating expenditure of $3,000,000.

The present endowment, including the $11,000,000 provided in the Smith-Reynolds Foundation for Wake Forest College, totals $15,500,000.

The Nine-Year Program of the Baptists of North Carolina provides for the expenditure of $8,125,000 for plant additions and improvements, and an annual operating fund of $450,000, or approximately $100 per student.

The North Carolina Baptist Council on Christian Education has 45 members, 21 of whom are institutional representatives, 20 pastors and laymen from the General Board, and 4 ex-officio members.

North Carolina Baptist Council
on Christian Education

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The Southern Baptist Convention has a well organized Department of Evangelism. Dr. C. E. Matthews is the Secretary under the leadership of the Home Mission Board. Likewise, North Carolina Baptists have a Department of Evangelism. J. C. Canipe of Hendersonville is the Secretary.

Since the Department of Evangelism was established in North Carolina baptisms have increased from around an average of about 20,000 per year to more than 30,000 per year. The largest number ever baptized in North Carolina Baptist history was around 35,000 in 1951 when we had that great southwide Crusade of Evangelism. This shows the value, not only of our Department of Evangelism, but also of the Simultaneous Crusades. All the churches working together to win the lost.

There are more than a million and five hundred thousand people unsaved in North Carolina. This is no time to brag, but to repent of our sins of neglect and get on our knees in prayer and preparation to win these lost millions. Another Crusade, nation wide, is planned in 1955. Eastern North Carolina will have their Crusade March 27-April 10; and Western North Carolina from April 10 to the 24. We hope that every Association will elect a Chairman of Evangelism and an Organizer this year in preparation for that great Crusade.

Let us here in the Avery Association join with our fellow Baptists all over the south in what we believe Jesus established his church to do, namely, evangelize the lost multitudes.

Ernest Canipe, Com.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

1953

"If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean," was the leper's plea that touched the heart of Jesus. A like plea from the sick multitudes who need help has touched the heart of North Carolina Baptists. Our ministry through our Baptist Hospital is our answer to this call.

More than ten thousand patients were cared for in our Hospital last year, while thousands of others were seen in the Clinics. Almost half of these were service patients, unable to pay the full cost of the care they received. These included old people at the sunset of life and little children at the dawn of life, mothers, fathers and young people. They included persons who had to have help if they were to carry on as mothers and wives in their homes, if they were to work as fathers and husbands to support their families, if as young people they were to be set free from handicaps for life, if as old people they were to be spared for additional years and from much of the suffering which often attends old age. With all the advance of medical science, there is still much that it cannot do; but our Baptist Hospital is making a large contribution toward the saving of life, the relieving of suffering, and the bringing of good health for those who need it most.

From all over North Carolina there is a constant stream of afflicted people coming seeking our help. Our Hospital provides skilled specialists for them in the various fields of medical care. The demand is so great that it is never safe to go without an appointment in advance. The schedules of the Clinics and doctors are almost always completely filled by appointments made days and weeks and often months ahead. If it is an emergency case the family doctor should call the Hospital and talk with a doctor there who will arrange for the patient to come as soon as possible.

One of the most important parts of the program of the Hospital is the spiritual ministry it provides. This is necessary if the full needs of a sick person are to be met. Our Hospital has trained chaplains who render an effective ministry for the sick, guidance for the nursing and medical students, and training for pastors and Christian workers.

Three floors of the new Hospital Wing are nearing completion and should be ready for use this year. This will provide urgently needed space and facilities. If any church in the Association has not contributed its part toward the building of the New Wing, we hope this will be done at once.

"If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." Jesus replied, "I will." You and I answer, "I will", if we give as we should in our Mother's Day Offering. This determines how much help we provide for those who are sick and have little money. Let all of us answer with a generous, "I will", next Mother's Day.

Hospital Representative,
Ira Hodges

STEWARDSHIP

Faithful stewardship is man's response to the sovereignty of God. It is based on the idea that "we are not our own". To be a faithful steward, we must recognize God's rightful claim to the totality of our being. We owe to God our service, our influence, our time, our money. The teaching of the New Testament is that we owe everything to God.

As we consider what Christ gave for us, and as we remember what we owe to the grace of God, how can we be satisfied to give less than the tithe? Our churches must teach stewardship, and they must emphasize the fact that our people should bring to the Lord's house, on the Lord's Day, the tithe, for the "tithe is the Lord's". Whether we put it into His storehouse, or keep it, or spend it for other things, it is still the Lord's. We cannot change that fact. We may abuse the privilege of being a steward of God; we may rob God, but we dare not overlook the fact that a day of reckoning is coming. On that day, we will wish to be called a "good and faithful steward".

R. T. Teague

REPORT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING (1953)

The youngest member of our Baptist family of institutions, the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., has had the best year since it began operating, March 16, 1951.

Resthaven, with space for twenty residents, has been filled to capacity. The number of inquiries for rooms has increased into the hundreds.

The Home received its best financial support. The share received from the Nine Year Program (1952) was $14,062.80; our first Special Day offering, February 15, exceeded $52,000; and from individuals, churches, and Auxiliary organizations we have received $12,380.33, as of August 1st.

The response to the first Special Day offering for the Home was most encouraging. More than half of our 3055 Baptist churches responded. About seventy-five per cent of the amount came from the smaller churches.

Considering the short time our Home has been operating (2 years), and the fact that this was the first opportunity to appeal to our churches for a special offering, all of us should be encouraged by the response. Our next Special Day offering, February 21, 1954, should amount to $100,000.

On June 18, this year, property was purchased for a Branch Home at Albemarle. This property, consisting of a vacated hospital building and a nurses' home building and nearly three acres of land, was purchased for $25,000. It will cost an equal amount to renovate the property. Even so, it is well worth twice the amount invested. Thus, we can care for 60 residents—20 at Resthaven, Winston-Salem; and 40 at the Albemarle Home.

At the time of purchase, it was hoped that the branch home would be ready for operation by October 1, this year.

The general health of the residents has been exceptionally good, considering the range of their ages, 66 to 93. There has been only one death this year. The spirit and the general attitude of the residents have been most satisfactory.

There are many evidences of increasing interest in our Homes. Pastors, conducting worship services, have brought delegations from their churches to share the inspiration of worship with our residents. Auxiliary and Sunday school groups have frequently visited us to conduct devotional services. Gifts of supplies and cash are often received from these various organizations.

Plans for the future enlargement are encouraging. With a general Special Day offering in February, 1954, and other special gifts from individuals and corporations, we should be ready to begin construction of our administration building, which would give us room for fifty additional residents, and making our total capacity 110 residents.

Since North Carolina Baptists now number more than 700,000 members, with thousands of our constituency now over 65 years of age, we should keep in mind the great number of our elderly brethren who need a home to provide security, comfort, congeniality, and a Christian ministry. Our North Carolina Baptists are able to meet the challenge to make adequate provision for the aging, and as "laborers together with God", we can meet it.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth"—Psalms 71:9.

By Superintendent Hayes

PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held with Fairview the first day, August 19th, and Whites Memorial, the second day, August 20th, 1954, and that Rev. Victor Trivette preach the annual sermon.

Respectfuly submitted,
J. H. Vance
Molten Buchanan
A. V. McGuire

PUBLIC MORALS

I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies in a living sacrifice wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

The Bible teaches that God not only wants our hearts and soul, but he also wants our bodies. Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you. If any man defile the Temple of God him shall God destroy. For the Temple of God is Holy which Temple ye are, God expects us to keep our bodies pure and clean and to abstain from strong drink, and other things that would defile our body. We should teach our children that our bodies belong to God and should be used for His glory.

George Johnson

OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

22 This Past Year

Aaron	Mrs. Emma Ledford
Big Meadow	Mrs. Lillie Franklin
Beech Mtn.	Mrs. Maryann Cook, Pat Trivette
Belview	Deacon A. D. Ollis
Crossnore	Mrs. VernaWaycaster
Elk Valley	Mr. Will Storie, Emma Blair
Flat Springs	Mr. Stewart Guy, Mrs. Myrtle Mann
Green Valley	Deacon Robert L. Hall
Henson Creek	Mrs. Carrie Burleson
Minneapolis	Mrs. R. T. Lewis, Mrs. Lillie Cook, Mr. Will Sparks
Pleasant Hill	Deacon Luther Ollis, Mr. Hymes Davis, Mrs. W. I. Cooper
Powder Mill	Mrs. Julia Buchanan
Roaring Creek	Mrs. Laura Hughes
Valley Haven	Mr. Robert Brotherton
Yellow Mtn.	Mrs. D. Buchanan

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES

Historical Table

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powdermill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Belview	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill and Minneapolis	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyatt
1946	Jonas Ridge and Oak Grove	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1947	Cranberry	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Frank Brown
1948	Powdermill	V. W. Greene	Ed. W. Buchanan	Dayton Jones
1949	Crossnore and Mt. Pleasant	D. N. Jones	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ben Wood
1950	Aaron and Newland	J. W. Costner	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1951	Elk Valley and Valley Haven	J. C. Brown	Ed. W. Buchanan	A. G. Brooks
1952	Sugar Mtn., and Big Meadow	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	D. N. Jones
1953	Belview and Minneapolis	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ira Hodges

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Member	Revival Meetings Held
Aaron	2-4	A. G. Brooks, Crossnore	1	10	2	76	28	104	1
Big Meadow	1-3	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine			3	75	91	166	2
Beech Mtn.	2-4	Lawrence Hagaman, Reece	6	3	3	126	45	171	2
Belview	2-4	Bruce Buchanan, Bakersville	1	4	4	55	51	106	2
Cranberry	2-4	Victor Trivette	2			77	62	139	2
Chestnut Dale	2-4	E. G. Hayes, Montezuma	4	1	1	62		62	2
Crossnore	All	A. G. Brooks, Crossnore	17	8	7	138	92	230	2
Elk Valley	1-3	D. N. Jones, Elk Park Rt. 1	21	6	4			225	2
Elk Park	1-3	No Pastor	3	3	4			73	
Fall Creek	1-3	D. N. Jones, Elk Park		1	3	144	62	206	1
Fair View	1-3	Ernest Canipe, Bakersville	1	1		42	17	68	2
Flat Springs	1-3	Bynum Trivette, Stoney Fork	9		5	164	60	244	2
Green Valley	2-4	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	4		4	95	43	138	1
Henson Creek	2-4	Jeff Willis, Bakersville	4		3	75	33	108	1
Jonas Ridge	1-3	L. B. Miller, Lenoir Rt. 6	11	4	8	76		76	2
Minneapolis	2-4	D. N. Jones, Elk Park	4	5	3	90	33	123	1
Mt. Pleasant	2-4	Lawrence Hagaman, Reece		2	4	50	25	75	2
Newland	All	J. W. Costner, Newland			3	155	75	230	
Oak Grove	1-3	A. D. Laile, Connely Springs			4			85	1
Pineola	2-4	J. A. Buchanan, Spruce Pine		4	6	36	43	79	2
Pleasant Hill	1-3	Mack Hodge, Bakersville	17		11	236	120	356	2
Pleasant Valley	1-3	Earl Teaster, Carder View, Tenn.	1	1		67	84	151	1
Powder Mill	1-3	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine			1			74	
Roaring Creek	2	William Grindstaff, Kalmia	1	1	1	91	18	107	1
Stamey Town	1-3	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	5			38	12	50	2
Sugar Mtn.	2-4	E. G. Hayes, Montezuma	1	4		39	4	43	1
Valley Haven	1-3	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	2	3	1	48	18	66	1
Whites Memorial	2-4	Lee Pittman, Spruce Pine	13	7				45	2
Yellow Mtn.	2-4	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine	7	27	4	75	20	95	2
Totals			135	95	89	2130	1036	3695	42

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V. B. S.
Aaron	Edward Sudderth, Montezuma	15		12	20		37		84	60		
Big Meadow	Homer Caloway, Plumtree	10	6	15	10	15	30	2	85		75	75
Beech Mtn.	Dave Trivette, Whaley	9	8	16	20	19	33	2	105	58	33	29
Belview	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry	20	12	18	20	7	50		126	57		25
Cranberry	No Report								158	87	61	55
Chestnut Dale	Lemuel Carpenter, Plumtree	4	7	4	8	9	48		80	55		
Crossnore	J. A. Webb, Crossnore	18	14	25	34	30	64	3	188	115		
Elk Valley	Ernest Eller, Heaton	8	10	16	15	15	25		98	80		
Elk Park	B. H. Winters, Elk Park	10	6	15	20	10	20		81	48	39	26
Fall Creek	N E. Cook, Elk Park Rt. 1	13	12	19		23	32		154	110		
Fair View	Jack Forbes, Kalmia		21	10	15	20	12		74	74		
Flat Springs	Cleo Jones, Elk Park		30		20	30	35		145	105		
Green Valley	Kelly Ollis, Kalmia	9		8		9	20	3	55	50		
Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Newland Rt. 2	12		8		18	10	6	54	50		
Jonas Ridge	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge	5	15	15	20	8	27		94	75		
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis								81	60	31	24
Mt. Pleasant	R. H. Horney, Newland	5	20	25	10	20	25		105	65	83	63
Newland	Robert Lacy, Newland	15	8	20	12	8	23	4	84	65		
Oak Grove	Earl Gragg, Newland	6	12		15	20	18	6	85	60		
Pineola	Charlie Clark, Pineola		9	5	7	10	21		52	40		
Pleasant Hill	Ed W. Buchanan, Minneapolis	20	15	24	25	48	40	2	175	115	48	45
Pleasant Valley	Fred Hicks, Elk Park	5	9	16	7	9	15	2	69	35		
Powder Mill	Geo. Watson, Senia	15		20		20	20		75	60		
Roaring Creek	Rev. J. G. Hughes, Newland Rt. 1	17	10	10	10	10	14		71	60		
Stamey Town	Flora Stamey, Newland Rt. 2	12	12		8	20	15		67	50		
Sugar Mtn.	Linnie Braswell, Newland	16		16	9	12		2	55	45		
Valley Haven	Larry Draughn, Banner Elk	8		8	12	15	18		61	45		
Whites Memorial	Odell Burleson, Kalmia	10	15	15	10	7	20	2	84	55	40	35
Yellow Mtn.	Austin Buchanan, Plumtree	18		24	10	12	30	6	100	62		
Totals		280	251	364	337	424	704	40	2745	1841	410	377

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Beech Mtn.	Truman Church, Elk Park			21		15		36	30
Crossnore	Geo. Johnson, Crossnore	10	10	6		16	18	60	45
Elk Valley	Ernest McGuire, Heaton		12	16	30	20	25	111	85
Flat Springs	A. V. McGuire, Whaley		12	12	10		8	45	40
Henson Creek	Virginia Dellenger, Kalmia				12	16		34	30
Newland	Mrs. Pearl Corbin, Newland			12	8			20	15
Pineola	Mrs. Ira Vance, Pineola				8	10	10	28	25
Sugar Mtn.	Mrs. Isabel Braswell, Montezuma			16	18		12	50	30
Whites Memorial	Joe Hughes, Ingalls		10	8		13	20	30	25
Elk Park	Mrs. Gus F. Bowers, Elk Park					20		20	20

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Total Enrolled
Belview	Mrs. Emmit Gouge, Cranberry	1	9
Crossnore	Mrs. Paul Ward, Crossnore	1	24
Elk Park	Mrs. Maud Angel, Elk Park	1	12
Newland	Mrs. R. N. Garner, Newland	1	20
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Lawrence Ollis, Frank	1	15
Sugar Mtn.	Mrs. Ella Braswell, Newland	2	30

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	All Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Aaron	W. W. Braswell, Montezuma	1311.00				49.00	82.00			113.00	748.00	346.00	1095.00
Big Meadow	Lawrence Carpenter, Three Mile				800.00	74.00	201.00	234.00		100.00	1408.00	362.00	1770.00
Beech Mtn.	Truman Church, Elk Park Rt. 1	1318.00	60.00		375.00	88.00	64.00	54.00	55.00	45.00	742.00	604.00	1346.00
Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry	1138.00	57.00	57.00	15.00	66.00	47.00	230.00		65.00	479.00	440.00	920.00
Cranberry	Mrs. Earl Greene, Cranberry		120.00	60.00		83.00	218.00	202.00		79.00	762.00	360.00	1123.00
Chestnut Dale	H. E. Huffman, Newland Rt. 1	726.00	24.00			30.00		90.00		18.00	162.00	317.00	480.00
Crossnore	Mrs. Lois W. Clark, Crossnore	4180.00	129.00	20.00		172.00	108.00	161.00	550.00	731.00	1864.00	1645.00	3510.00
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk		96.00		400.00	56.00	81.00	147.00		91.00	1271.00	588.00	1858.00
Elk Park	C. C. Carol, Elk Park			88.00		70.00	109.00	37.00		89.00	393.00	240.00	637.00
Fall Creek	Mildred Crawford, Elk Park Rt. 1		134.00	135.00	149.00	66.00		103.00		132.00	584.00	311.00	895.00
Fair View	Avery Hoilman, Kalmia				100.00			146.00			246.00	264.00	510.00
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek Rt. 4	669.00	60.00		42.00	19.00		51.00			172.00	370.00	543.00
Green Valley	Guy Pittman, Kalmia			45.00	2350.00	61.00	42.00	76.00	550.00	50.00	3183.00	480.00	3660.00
Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Newland Rt. 1				1800.00	48.00		138.00		98.00	2084.00	227.00	2311.00
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Grace Rose, Jonas Ridge					54.00		109.00		165.00	328.00	594.00	923.00
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis				195.00	59.00	251.00	100.00		170.00	775.00	620.00	1395.00
Mt. Pleasant	Dorthy P. Daniels, Newland	2084.00	72.00	79.00	450.00	65.00	120.00	208.00			994.00	720.00	1714.00
Newland	Finley Banner, Newland			104.00		165.00	39.00	110.00	2241.00	922.00	3581.00	2600.00	6181.00
Oak Grove	Mae New, Newland		60.00		181.00	36.00		75.00		37.00	389.00	180.00	569.00
Pineola	Lloyd Thompson, Pineola	1533.00	75.00		360.00	44.00		231.00		20.00	731.00	674.00	1405.00
Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis, Frank	3364.00	180.00	187.00	31.00	189.00	269.00	285.00			1141.00	1085.00	2226.00
Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Elk Park	245.00				20.00				33.00	53.00	182.00	235.00
Powder Mill	T. J. Greene, Senia					103.00		28.00		103.00	234.00	400.00	634.00
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Newland Rt. 1			100.00		20.00						209.00	329.00
Stamey Town	Mrs. Damon Pritchard, Newland										320.00	172.00	493.00
Sugar Mtn.	Isabel Braswell, Montezuma	1106.00	18.00	32.00	54.00	52.00	112.00	46.00	274.00	125.00	728.00	410.00	1133.00
Valley Haven	Mrs. Snow Perry, Banner Elk				711.00	50.00	128.00	185.00		18.00	1093.00	182.00	1275.00
Whites Memorial	Tom White, Ingalls				865.00	80.00		125.00			1070.00	300.00	1370.00
Yellow Mtn.	T. J. Greene, Spear		187.00	123.00		75.00		143.00		137.00	665.00	539.00	1204.00
Totals		17674.00	1263.00	1030.00	8878.00	1894.00	1871.00	3314.00	3670.00	3341.00	26200.00	15421.00	41744.00

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Aaron	Hellen Grindstaff, Minneapolis	50.00						41.00	20.00		111.00	1206.00
Big Meadow	Dorthy P. Daniels, Newland	3.00						212.00	27.00		242.00	2012.00
Beech Mtn.	Mrs. J. W. Costner, Newland	5.00						31.00	15.00	4.00	54.00	1400.00
Belview	Duard Cornett, Newland	6.00		20.00	16.00	15.00		80.00	30.00		218.00	1140.00
Cranberry	Mrs. Lloyd Thompson, Pineola	5.00				15.00		16.00	15.00		51.00	1174.00
Chestnut Dale	Lawrence Ollis, Newland Rt. 1						25.00				25.00	504.00
Crossnore	Mrs. Walter Hicks, Elk Park	50.00		72.00	258.00	38.00	25.00	69.00	40.00	31.00	384.00	4093.00
Elk Valley	George Watson, Newland Rt. 1				46.00			60.00	31.00	60.00	197.00	1665.00
Elk Park	Evia Hughes, Newland Rt. 1	66.00	20.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	5.00	98.00	25.00		280.00	916.00
Fall Creek	Flora Stamey, Newland Rt. 2							94.00	24.00		117.00	1012.00
Fair View	Mrs. Isabel Braswell, Montezuma											510.00
Flat Springs	F. W. Baird, Banner Elk			3.00				58.00	18.00	48.00	126.00	670.00
Green Valley	Mrs. Tom White, Ingalls		4.00		61.00			17.00	12.00		76.00	3736.00
Henson Creek	Virgil Parlier, Kalmia							10.00			10.00	2321.00
Jonas Ridge								135.00	17.00		152.00	1075.00
Minneapolis	W. W. Braswell, Montezuma	5.00		37.00			13.00	102.00	41.00	93.00	292.00	1687.00
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Lawrence Carpenter, Three Mile							120.00	90.00		210.00	1924.00
Newland	M. D. Moore, Elk Park Rt. 1	120.00				82.00	112.00	105.00	78.00	109.00	606.00	6787.00
Oak Grove	Julius Ollis, Cranberry							19.00	12.00		31.00	600.00
Pineola	O. L. Wright, Cranberry				49.00			32.00	46.00		127.00	1532.00
Pleasant Hill	R. L. Sluder, Newland Rt. 1	15.00			10.00	127.00		60.00	25.00	45.00	280.00	2507.00
Pleasant Valley	Nell Aldridge, Crossnore				2.00	1.00		2.00	5.00		10.00	245.00
Powder Mill	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk							20.00	20.00		40.00	674.00
Roaring Creek	Edith C. Bowlick, Elk Park											329.00
Stamey Town	Mack Cook, Elk Park Rt. 1			4.00				8.00	8.00		20.00	513.00
Sugar Mtn.	Texie Woody, Kalmia	22.00					7.00		5.00	34.00	78.00	1211.00
Valley Haven	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek			16.00	12.00			23.00	25.00	12.00	88.00	1363.00
Whites Memorial	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine Box 263								10.00	65.00	75.00	1445.00
Yellow Mtn.	Stella Dellinger, Newland Rt. 1							53.00	35.00	61.00	132.00	1336.00
Totals	Mrs. Grace Rose, Jonas Ridge	347.00	24.00	167.00	474.00	308.00	187.00	1465.00	674.00	562.00	4032.00	45587.00

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SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Sunday School Supt.	R. T. Teague
B. T. U. Director	Ernest McGuire
W. M. U. Director	Mrs. A. G. Brooks
Hospitals	Ira Hodges
Orphanage	A. G. Brooks
Evangelism	Ted Braswell
Public Morals	Ira Hodges
Cooperative Program	Vilas Minton
Periodicals	Bruce Buchanan
Homes for the Aged	R. L. Painter
Stewardship	W. W. Braswell

The Executive Committee will be the Program Committee.

MINISTERS NOT PASTORS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

(For Pastors See Tables)

W. A. Braswell, J. C. Brown, Frank Brown, Guy Blair, Earl Carver, C. H. Dellinger, L. L. Estepp, V. W. Greene, C. A. Guy, Troy Guy, William Grindstaff, Warney Guinn, Dewey Holsclaw, Ham Hobson, Evan Hobson, Gaither Harmon, Spence McCloud, C. H. New, Jeff Pyatte, James Puckett, L. W. Sudderth, Dudley Trivett, C. M. Thomas, L. W. Woody.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the various churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and every additional fifty or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Power and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Officers

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer (one person), Historian, and an Executive Committee consisting of the officer of the association and three laymen elected by the association, all of whom shall be elected after the letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office, except the clerk, to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session. The clerk shall continue until the minutes are printed and distributed.

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.

2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.

3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.

4. Receive new churches.

5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6. Fill any vacancy in organization.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Adopt and follow report of Committee on Order of Business as to subjects and discussion.

9. Election of officers.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

AARON: W. W. Braswell, H. K. Ledford, W. A. Braswell.

BIG MEADOWS: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mace, Homer Calloway, Mrs. Lawrence Carpenter.

BEECH MOUNTAIN: L. L. Cook, Coy Palier, George Mitchell, Dudly Trivette.

BELVIEW: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gouge, Mrs. Flossie Gouge.

CRANBERRY: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McCoury, Brown Ollis, Mrs. John Holtsclaw.

CHESTNUT DALE: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Huffman, Lula Isaacs.

CROSSNORE: Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Kennith Johnson.

ELK VALLEY: Charlie Erwin, H. M. Horney, Luther Riddle, Earl Eller.

ELK PARK: Velma Harmon, B. H. Winters.

FALL CREEK: Junior Smith, Troy Crawford, Judd Jones.

FAIRVIEW: Avery Hoilman, Dewey Hughes, Jeff Woody, Phoebe Puckett.

FLAT SPRINGS: A. V. McGuire, Ted Green, Haskil Trivette, Joe Norris.

GREEN VALLEY: Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hall, Mrs. Dock Ollis, Mrs. Virgil Parlier.

HENSON CREEK: Stokes McKinney, Mrs. Kate McKinney, Virginia McKinney.

JONAS RIDGE: Mrs. Lester Shell, J. D. Clark, Thelma Beam.

MINNEAPOLIS: R. T. Lewis, Edward Grindstaff, Texie Grindstaff.

MT. PLEASANT: H. M. Horney, Jr., Hazel Carpenter, Mrs. Bernice Carpenter.

NEWLAND: Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gains, Mrs. Cling Daniels, Mrs. Bessie Raby, R. T. Teague.

OAK GROVE: Mr. and Mrs. Emmit Johnson, A. J. Ledford, C. H. New.

PINEOLA: Green Buchanan, Mrs. Ira Vance, Loyd Thompson, Edna Moir.

PLEASANT HILL: Mr. and Mrs. Molt Buchanan, Lum Buchanan, L. E. Pittman, Lucy Ward, Mrs. Vance Buchanan, Lois Ward, Phillip Pittman, Kenny Ward, Clara Wise, Esther Ward.

PLEASANT VALLEY: Clarence Guinn, Walter Hicks, Mrs. Walter Hicks.

POWDER MILL: Taylor Buchanan, Nettia Buchanan, Hick Buchanan.

ROARING CREEK: Evia Hughes, Evan Hobson, Clifford King, Ruth Wise, Nell King.

STAMEY TOWN: Flora Stamey, Mamie Dellinger, Agnes Bowman, C. H. Dellinger.

SUGAR MOUNTAIN: Linnie Braswell, Pat Eller.

VALLEY HAVEN: Joe Peery, Rosa Blair, Carrie Hughes.

WHITES MEMORIAL: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vance.

YELLOW MOUNTAIN: Mrs. Carl Howard, Mrs. Waits Wiseman, Mrs. Wade Buchanan.

PROCEEDINGS FIRST DAY

1. The Association in its Forty-Third Annual Session met at Fairview Church. The Moderator promptly at 9:30 called the meeting to order.

2. Prayer and song by Frank Parsons, and the Christian Harmony Quartet sang two songs. Devotion was by Bruce Buchanan.

3. Enrollment, all churches were represented but Elk Park, which came in later. Visitors welcomed were Dr. J. C. Canipe and Vilas N. Minton and Garfield Hughes, new pastors.

4. Election of Officers: Mack Hodges, Moderator; A. G. Brooks, Vice Moderator; R. T. Teague, Historian; Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk-Treasurer; Ira Hodges, George Johnson, Fritz Hall, Executive Committee; Sunday School Supt., R. T. Teague; B. T. U. Director, Ernest McGuire; W. M. U. Director, Mrs. A. G. Brooks; Hospitals, Ira Hodges; Orphanage, A. G. Brooks; Evangelism, Ted Braswell; Public Morals, Ira Hodges; Cooperative Program, Vilas N. Minton; Periodicals, Bruce Buchanan; Home for the Aged, R. L. Painter; Stewardship, W. W. Braswell.

5. Committees appointed were: Charlie Woody. James Puckette, Dewey Gouge—On Time and Place. Frank Parsons, Geo. Johnson, Lee Pittman—Resolutions.

6. On motion an offering to pay Clerk for his service was taken and the amount was $36.80. The Delegates were requested to ask the churches for more Minute funds.

7. Report on Evangelism was called for and Ted Braswell not being present, Dr. J. C. Canipe brought a wonderful message on the subject.

8. Song—Home on The Banks of The River. Garfield Hughes, the local Pastor, welcomed the Association.

9. Annual Sermon was by Victor Trivette. Bro. Trivette gave us a fine message, and the meeting adjourned with prayer by Dr. J. C. Canipe.

AFTERNOON

1. After a good dinner, served on the Church lawn, the Association reassembled at 1 p. m. A. G. Brooks, Vice Moderator, presiding.

2. Prayer and song by Frank Parsons, Nothing But the Blood of Jesus. Devotion was by D. N. Jones.

3. Report on Time and Place: We recommend that the next Session be held at Flat Springs the first day, August 25, and at Beech Mtn., the second day, August 26, 1955, and Bruce Buchanan preach the Annual Sermon.

   Charlie Woody
   Dewey Gouge
   James Puckett, Comm.

4. Special Prayer for Bro. Dick Horney and family in their bereavement in the loss of their child who died this morning, led by R. T. Teague.

5. W. M. U. Report was by Mrs. A. G. Brooks who gave us a fine message on the subject.

6. B. T. U. called for and the Director not being present Bro. V. N. Minton was asked to prepare the Report. Ernest McGuire was elected Director.

7. Sunday Schools were discussed by R. T. Teague and the Sunday School Con.; Report was adopted and ordered printed. On motion Bro. Teague to work with Executive Committee in forming fields and securing helpers.

8. Report on Public Morals was read by A. G. Brooks and discussed by Ira Hodges and adopted.

9. Christian Education was discussed by Raymond Nelson of Mars Hill. Report to be handed in later.

10. After two songs by the Quartette and a talk by L. W. Woody, the Association closed a good day with prayer by Mack Hodges.

SECOND DAY

1. The Association met with Whites Memorial at 9:30, Mack Hodges presiding. Song—Amazing Grace by the audience. Devotion by Bruce Buchanan.
2. Visitors welcomed were Rev. J. M. Hayes, Dr. W. K. McGee, W. C. Reed and others that I did not get their names.
3. Report on Hospitals read by Victor Trivette and discussed by Dr. McGee, Sister Nona Buchanan and L. E. Pittman. A. G. Brooks, R. T. Teague, all of whom had some one in the hospital in the past, had nothing but praise for the great work our Hospital is doing. Ira Hodges was elected Representative.
4. Report on Orphanage was by A. G. Brooks and discussed by him and W. C. Reed who brought greetings and an interesting address. On Motion the first week in November was set to gather the produce for the Orphanage.
5. Dr. Roger Crook was recognized and spoke on Christian Education, and in interest of our Baptist Colleges.
6. Report on Periodicals by R. T. Teague was discussed by Dr. L. L. Carpenter and adopted.
7. B. T. U. Report read by V. N. Minton and adopted.
8. Song—What a Friend We Have in Jesus. Dr. M. A. Huggins brought us a fine and enlightening message on The Cooperative Program, and adjourned.

AFTERNOON

1. Met at 1:15 P. M., A. G. Brooks, presiding. Special songs by Girl Trio from Cranberry Church.
2. Devotion by Tyson Buchanan. Prayer by Lee Pittman.
3. Report on Home for the Aged by Ed W. Buchanan. Discussed by J. M. Hayes and adopted. R. L. Painter elected Representative.
4. Reports on Resolutions, Finance and Obituaries was read and adopted. The Association adjourned a good session with song, and a prayer by Mack Hodges.

MACK HODGES, Moderator
Bakersville, N. C.

ED W. BUCHANAN, Clerk-Treas.
Minneapolis, N. C.

W. M. U. REPORT TO AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The very nature of our Christian way of life makes one who has become a follower of Christ want to share that wonderful experience with another. The saved person wants his friends, neighbors, every person on the face of the earth to know his wonderful Saviour. Soul-winning becomes the driving passion of his heart and life. The saved person wants to be of service to Jesus. Women have found that place of service through Woman's Missionary Union.

When Jesus gathered a group of his followers on the mountain outside of Jerusalem just before he ascended to the Father, he gave them the great commission. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20. He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8. Woman's Missionary Union was organized in 1888 as the answer to a felt need in the lives of women to help them carry out their part in the Great Commission.

Woman's Missionary Union has five fundamental purposes.

1. Prayer—Individual and United Prayer.
2. Study—The study of the Bible and Missionary Literature.
3. Gifts—The tithe as the minimum in giving.
4. Community Missions.
5. Missionary Education of Young People.

Our Associational W. M. U. is making some progress in all of these purposes. We have only five churches reporting active organizations for women, and only one reporting an organization for young people. Yet out of this small number we have received reports of Seasons of prayer for State, Home, and Foreign Missions with special offerings taken; study courses being taught in several organizations; increased support of our program of sending the Gospel of our wonderful Saviour to the uttermost part of the world; more zeal in soul-winning, which is the purpose of all our community missions.

We have been made to rejoice in our hearts as we realized we were "together workers with God". We have had the joy and satisfaction that comes as we see the plenteous harvest and we joyfully say, "Here am I, send me".

Plans have been made to add more organizations in the coming year. We hope to enlist more churches in Woman's Missionary Work and also to add organizations for the young people in the churches that have Woman's Missionary Societies.

The Associational officers plan to put special emphasis on Stewardship, Mission Study and Community Missions. Plans have been approved for support of Stewardship Week in October and also support and prayer for the Simultaneous Revivals in the spring.

David said in Psalm 18:19, "He brought me forth also into a large place". Surely women have entered into a large place of service through Woman's Missionary Union. Truly we are "Laborers together with God". "For ye serve the Lord Christ".

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. A. G. Brooks
Associational W. M. U. Superintendent

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION — JULY 23

The Avery Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Chestnut Dale Church on July 23rd at 10 A. M., and in the absence of the Superintendent, Mack Hodge presided.

Song led by Frank Parsons. Devotion was by A. G. Brooks. Roll called and 19 Sunday Schools were represented with the following number of delegates: Aaron 1, Big Meadow 3, Belview 1, Chestnut Dale all, Crossnore 7, Elk Park 1, Fall Creek 1, Fairview 2, Green Valley 5, Newland 3, Pineola 1, Pleasant Hill 6, Powder Mill 5, Stamey Town 6, Sugar Mtn., 5, Valley Haven 2, Whites Memorial 6, Yellow Mtn., 2.

R. T. Teague was elected superintendent and Ed W. Buchanan secretary for the year. The following committees were appointed: Place and Preacher, all the local superintendents present. Resolutions, R. L. Painter and Charlie Woody.

At this time the superintendents were asked for reports on their Sunday Schools and all had good reports, progressing and growing.

Song—Take The Name of Jesus With You, and the Annual Sermon was by Bruce Buchanan. His theme was, The MAIN Business of the Church, a wonderful and inspiring message and was much enjoyed.

Adjourned with prayer by Charlie Woody.

After a good dinner and a fine Fellowship Hour the Convention reassembled at 1 P. M. Song by Frank Parsons and also one by the Girls from Powder Mill. Devotion was by R. L. Painter. Prayer by Ira Hodges.

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held at Crossnore on Friday before fourth Sunday in July, 1955, and Rev. Mack Hodge preach the Annual Sermon.

Hermon Hoffman, For the Supts.

ON RESOLUTIONS

As we have been so wonderfully fed and entertained by the good folk of Chestnut Dale, Resolved that we tender them a standing vote of thanks.

R. L. Painter
Charlie Woody, Comm.

Mack Hodges gave us a fine address and an appeal to study the Bible. We adjourned a good session by singing Standing on The Promises, and a good old time hand shake.

MACK HODGES, Acting Supt.
ED W. BUCHANAN, Secretary

PERIODICALS

Christians need to be instructed in the truths of the Word of God. Such truths as the nature of God, sin, salvation, heaven, and hell a person can never know apart from the Bible. With these truths well-grounded in him a Christian will not be moved by every wind of doctrine.

Paul urged Timothy to give attention to reading, exhortation, and doctrine; and asked him to meditate on them and give himself wholly to them in order that he might profit thereby and save himself and others by so doing.

Peter's advice is to grow in grace and knowledge of our Saviour and Lord. We can do these only by knowing what to do and the best way to do it.

The best road to travel to learn these things is reading. Baptist periodicals are not surpassed by any. A person finds it impossible to live and know what to do as a child of God without them.

We recommend that the following periodicals be placed in every Baptist home: Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, The Commission, Southern Baptist Home Missions, Royal Service, Home Life, The Window of Y. W. A., Ambassador Life and World Comrades. These are essential to spiritual growth.

R. T. Teague

REPORT ON HOME FOR THE AGED

A way back in the beginning of the human race to try to justify himself Cain asked God the question, Am I My Brother's Keeper? God could have said yes and stopped, but He so fixed it that we can hear in thunderous tone, Bud I am not going to make you keep your brother, but I am going to make you wish through Eternity that you had. Avery County Baptist gave the Home $240. Less than 7. cents per capita, for the special offering. As for myself I am ashamed of this. May God help us to awaken to our duty and do better. I want to commend our friend and Brother, J. M. Hayes for his splendid management and faithful service to our old folk.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed W. Buchanan, Representative

REPORT ON PUBLIC MORALS

The Psalmist wrote, Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. God's people are a blood bought people they are dead to the old life of sin and risen to new life in Christ. Therefore let us give to God our minds to think of Him, and tongues to speak for Him, and our bodies to live for Him.

Alcoholic beverage is detrimental to the Christian and should be opposed by word and deed. Clean living is the way for the Christian and not the way of the world, may we speak out against strong drink and all manner of evil.

As an Association of Churches we will endeavor to pray for and win the lost to Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,
Ira Hodges

RESOLUTIONS. NO. 1

Be It Resolved this good people have so wonderfully welcomed and bountifully fed the Association that we give a standing vote of thanks and a desire that they let us come back some day.

Frank Parsons
Geo. Johnson
Lee Pittman, Committee

RESOLUTIONS. NO. 2

We here Resolve our best wishes and many thanks to the good folk of Whites Memorial, let it be resolved that such fellowship always exists in our Association and also we wish to thank the speakers of the day for our eye opening and spiritual food.

Respectfully,
Kennith Johnson
Molton Buchanan, Committee

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

We recommend that next session be held with Flat Springs the first day, August 25, and at Beech Mtn., the second day, August 26, 1955, and that Bruce Buchanan preach the Annual Sermon.

Charlie Woody
Dewey Gouge
James Puckett, Committee

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

1954

Our Baptist Hospital is caring for more people this year than at any other time in its history. This is possible because of the use of the New South Wing, about half of which is now complete and in use. This new building provides many new and enlarged facilities which add a great deal to the service provided for our people. About 14,000 bed patients will receive treatment in the hospital in the course of the year, while many other thousands will be seen in the clinics.

The enlargement of the hospital has made possible the enlarging of our school of nursing, it being one of the largest in the State. Our hospital offers a superior type of training and its graduates have high rating wherever they go. This means that our nursing school can accept only students of the highest caliber. They especially want those high grade students of fine Christian character from our Baptist homes. A new class enters each September. Prospective students should write to the Director of Nurses in advance and make application early in the year since there are far more applications than can be accepted.

The Baptist Hospital with the various schools associated with it forms an important educational center in the field of medical care. It trains doctors, nurses, technicians, and pastors and other Christian workers. The center of the entire hospital program is always the sick person, however. Everything else is secondary to and must be in the interest of the patient.

For the past ten years our Federal and State Governments have assisted in a program of building hospitals in counties and areas where there had been no hospitals. This program increases the importance of our Baptist Medical Center in relation to the family physician and the local hospital. The majority of the patients who go to our Medical Center are sent by their own local doctors in order that the patient may have the benefit of such facilities and specialists.

Our Hospital provides this type of service for persons who cannot pay for it, as well as for those who can pay in full. This is where our churches share in this ministry of healing. There are multitudes in our State who cannot receive the care they need unless somebody else helps pay for it. Our Hospital has no money except what the patients pay and what we give. On Mother's Day we have the privilege of sharing with those who are sick and need our help. Unless we give generously some will seek in vain for help at our Hospital. Let this not be true because you and I have failed!

Respectfully submitted,
Ira Hodges
Hospital Representative

REPORT ON FINANCE — LAST YEAR

Received from All	$175.30	
Paid for Printing Minutes and Programs		$158.85
Postage, etc.		12.00
BALANCE, Carried over		$ 4.45
Offering taken and paid Clerk		$ 36.85
Received this year to date—with carry over		$179.56

Ed W. Buchanan, Treasurer

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Baptist Training Union is the agency of the Baptist Church to train all of its membership in the duties and the privileges of the church as set forth by our Lord. For it was He who said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19. What He said to those disciples is still the business and the work of the church. The foundation and heart of the Training Union work is to train all the followers of Christ to be Soul-Winners.

Therefore, it behoves us as a member of the Baptist Church to do our best, and to give our best in the Training of our church membership and especially our Young People who will be the leaders of our churches tomorrow.

The Training Union is a very vital work of the church in that it furnishes the vitamin that helps promote the christian growth of the believer.

In the past ten years we have made some progress in the work of our Training Union. Then years ago we had only One Training Union reported to the Association. Last year we had ten Unions in the Association. So far as we know there were no additions to this number the past year.

Let's all give our New Associational Director our support and work toward getting a Training Union in all of our churches.

With the Lord's help we can succeed. May we look to Him in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Vilas N. Minton

THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina cares for about 700 children. North Carolina Baptists maintain two homes for orphan children. They are Mills Home at Thomasville and Kennedy Home at Kinston.

For the first time in its history Mills Home now has adequate places for the children to worship and play. The new church is the most beautiful building ever erected at the orphanage. As the children are led in worship by the pastor there is a spirit of reverence which would thrill the heart of every Missionary Baptist in the State.

The Orphanage is supported by our churches in the following ways:

(1) The once-a-month offering.

(2) The Thanksgiving offering.

(3) The produce offering during the Thanksgiving season.

(4) And beginning January 1, 1955, through the Cooperative Program.

The General Board of the Convention recommends that churches which now take the once-a-month offering continue to do so; that churches which have the orphanage in the budget be urged to continue this plan; and that every church do its best in sending offerings through the Cooperative Program. Truly God will add his blessings to all the churches as they minister to orphan children through the Baptist Cooperative Program.

Twenty-one churches in the Avery Association gave $1,346.55 worth of produce to the Orphanage last Thanksgiving. Plans for another offering of produce are being made by many churches this year.

Let us continue to pray for and support our Orphan Children.

Respectfully,
A. G. Brooks

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Since our last meeting 19 brothers and sisters have gone. Truly we are passing away.

Big Meadows	Mrs. Julia Carpenter
Beech Mountain	Mrs. Eliza Harmon, Mr. Lenard Storie, Mr. Joel Jones
Belview	Miss Laura Green
Cranberry	Mrs. Ruby Lewis, Mrs. Bessie McCrary
Green Valley	Mrs. Annie Weatherman, Mr. Ed Franklin
Henson Creek	Mrs. Mabel Goodman, Mrs. Carrie Burleson
Minneapolis	Mr. Charles Green, Mr. Jim Taylor
Mt. Pleasant	Mr. W. W. Burleson
Newland	Mr. John Braswell
Pineola	Deacon Howard Vance
Pleasant Hill	Mr. James English, Mrs. Ed Hoilman
Valley Haven	Mr. Cas Carver

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES

Historical Table

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D.A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powdermill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Belview	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill and Minneapolis	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyatt
1946	Jonas Ridge and Oak Grove	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1947	Cranberry	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Frank Brown
1948	Powdermill	V. W. Greene	Ed. W. Buchanan	Dayton Jones
1949	Crossnore and Mt. Pleasant	D. N. Jones	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ben Wood
1950	Aaron and Newland	J. W. Costner	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1951	Elk Valley and Valley Haven	J. C. Brown	Ed. W. Buchanan	A. G. Brooks
1952	Sugar Mtn., and Big Meadow	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	D. N. Jones
1953	Belview and Minneapolis	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ira Hodges
1954	Fairview and Whites Memorial	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	Victor Trivette

TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Aaron	V	2-4	A. G. Brooks, Crossnore	1		1	79	28	107	2	4	649.
Big Meadow	C	1-3	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	3		1	81	85	166	2		360.
Beech Mtn	C	2-4	Lawrence Hagaman, Reece	14	1.	6	129	49	175	2		783.
Belview	C	2-4	Bruce Buchanan, Bakersville			6	50	50	100	1		633.
Cranberry	V	2-4	Victor Trivett, Vilas	24	5	2	106	58	164	1		600.
Chestnut Dale	C	2-4	Vivian Brown, Minneapolis	2		1	53	7	60	1		240.
Crossnore	T	All	A. G. Brooks, Crossnore	9	3	1	148	77	225	3	35	1875.
Elk Valley	C	1-3	D. N. Jones, Elk Park Rt. 1			7			218	2		600.
Elk Park	T	1-3	R. L. Painter, Banner Elk	7	2	13	37	31	68	1	5	425.
Fall Creek	C	1-3	D. N. Jones, Elk Park Rt. 1	5			105	62	217	1		507.
Fairview	C	1-3	J. G Hughes, Newland Rt. 1				57	21	78	1		117.
Flat Springs	C	1-3	Bynum Trivett, Stony Fork	25		2	180	60	240	2		376.
Green Valley	C	2-4	R. L. Painter, Banner Elk	4	3	5	99	43	106	2		440.
Henson Creek	C	2-4	Lee Pittman, Spruce Pine	1		1	75	33	108	1		253.
Jonas Ridge	V	1-3	Joe Rhodes, Hickory			3	70	65	135	1		461.
Minneapolis	V	2-4	D. N. Jones, Elk Park Rt. 1	10	5	2	103	33	136	2		655.
Mt. Pleasant	C	2-4	Lawrence Hagaman, Reece	3	2	1	98	50	148	1	10	720.
Newland	T	All	V. M. Minton, Newland	3	8	10	148	71	219			3120.
Oak Grove	C	1-3	Dewey Newton, Bessemer City	4		2			87	1		180.
Pineola	V	2-4	Frank Parsons, Bakersville	4	2	1	43	43	86	1		411.
Pleasant Hill	C	1-3	Mack Hodges, Bakersville	9	7	6	241	125	366	2		1430.
Pleasant Valley	C	1-3	Russel Potter, Hampton, Tenn.	6			73	84	157	1		146.
Powder Mill	C	1-3	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine	12	2				78	1		403.
Roaring Creek	C	2	Theo Letterman, Burnsville	4			95	18	103	1		128.
Stamey Town	C	1-3	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine	3		1	36	16	52	2		167.
Sugar Mtn.	C	2-4	St. John, Lenoir	4	2	14	29	7	36	1	6	178.
Valley Haven		1-3	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	1	3	1	45	20	65	1	10	168.
Whites Memorial	C	2-4	Lee Pittman, Spruce Pine	10	2				74	2	5	300.
Yellow Mtn.	C	2-4	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine	5	10	1			116	2	7	550.
Totals				173	52	88	2180	1136	3882	40	82	16857.

TABLE B. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Depts.	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study
Aaron	Edward Sudderth, Montezuma		15		12	20		37			84		43	39	
Big Meadow	Homer Calloway, Plumtree		8	10	12		25	30		1	85	80	55		
Beech Mtn.	Dave Trivette, Whaley			8	12	11	11	12		3	108	56	30	22	
Belview	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry	8	16	15	12	13	9	71		9	153	81	36	30	
Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCoury, Cranberry	8	13	14	16	25	30	41	21		168	102	68		1
Chestnut Dale	H. E. Huffman Newland Rt. 1	1	8	12	8	10	10	30			80	50			
Crossnore	John A. Webb, Crossnore		22	14	27	35	38	64		3	203	132	86	75	1
Elk Valley	Ernest Eller, Elk Park Rt. 1	5	12	20	30	20	43				150				
Elk Park	B. H. Winters, Elk Park		12	12	8	5	12	30			79	60	42	39	
Fall Creek	W. E. Cook, Elk Park Rt. 1		15	14	21		23	32			125		42	35	
Fairview	James Puckett, Spruce Pine Rt. 2	15	7	11		8	24	33		1	99	65			
Flat Springs	Joseph Norris, Elk Park Rt. 1		30		15	20	35	30			130	103	58	45	
Green Valley	Kelley Ollis, Spruce Pine Rt. 2		14			12	11	18		2	80	55			
Henson Creek	Lee Burleson, Newland Rt. 3		7		8		18	12		6	52	50			
Jonas Ridge	H. R. Clark, Jonas Ridge		11	12	12	11	12	23			81	50	21	18	
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis										95	80			
Mt. Pleasant	L. W. Freeman, Newland Rt. 3		25		15	20	25	20			105	75	75	60	
Newland	Fred Taylor, Newland		20	15	25	12	15	55			142	75	94	78	
Oak Grove	C. H. New, Newland			10		14	20	15			85	60			
Pineola	Green Buchanan, Pineola	6	10		10	12	12	10			66	45	35	30	
Pleasant Hill	Ed W. Buchanan, Minneapolis		20	15	24	25	25	65		2	176	115	60	50	
Pleasant Valley	Noah Hicks, Elk Park Rt. 1	5	5	9	16	7	9	15		2	68	38			
Powder Mill	Taylor Buchanan, Newland Rt. 1		10		10	15		15			50				
Roaring Creek	Verl Hughes, Newland Rt. 1	10	20	8	6	12		24			60				
Stamey Town	Damon Pritchard, Newland Rt. 3		12	18			15	16			61	37			
Sugar Mtn.	Pat Eller, Banner Elk			16		16		18			50	45			
Valley Haven	Larry Draughon, Banner Elk		11		9	11	15	18			65	46			
Whites Memorial	Frank Vance, Spruce Pine Rt. 2									6	90	60	42	36	
Yellow Mtn.	Austin Buchanan, Newland Rt. 2			15	25	11	25	35		4	115	85			
Totals		58	323	258	333	345	434	769	21	39	2905	1635	907	508	2

TABLE C. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Aaron	Miss Emma Ledford, Montezuma			12	12		12		36	19
Beech Mtn.	Truman Church, Elk Park, Rt. 1		6	13	14	20		2	55	35
Crossnore	Geo. Johnson, Crossnore		5	6	6	10	20	1	48	40
Elk Valley	Ernest McGuire, Elk Park, Rt. 1	33		15	25	30	25		115	65
Flat Springs	A. V. McGuire, Whaley			20	10		10	3	43	40
Newland	Eule V. Lecka, Newland		11	10	16		30	7	74	70
Sugar Mtn.	Ella Braswell, Newland, Rt. 2			16	20				30	25
Whites Memorial	Joe Hughes, Rural, Ingalls		12	4		10	15	2	43	25
Yellow Mtn.	Austin Buchanan, Newland, Rt 2		10	5	8		10	2	35	20

TABLE D. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y.W.A. Units	G.A. Units	Total Enrolled	All Organizations Total Tithers
Belview	Mrs. Flossie Gouge, Cranberry				12	
Crossnore	Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Crossnore	1			25	17
Elk Park	Mrs. Maud Angel, Elk Park	1	1	1	22	5
Newland	Mrs. Marion Cheek, Newland	1			19	11
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. John Atwell, Newland, Rt. 1	1			15	15

TABLE F. CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	otal Receipts Through All rganizations for Year	otal Salaries (Do ot Include Pastor's alary Here)	aintenance, nsurance	ew Buildings nd Equipment	iterature, Song ooks, Printing, etc.	ocal Missions nd Benevolences	evival Expenses nd Pastoral Supply	ayment on hurch Debt	ther Local xpenses	otal Local Expenses Excluding Pastor's alary)	astor's Salary Money Paid)	rand Total Local Expense
Aaron	W. Braswell, Newland		65.	279.		96.	70.	50.		37.	597.	649.	1246.
Big Meadow	Mrs. Lawerence Carpenter				763.	95.	156.	179.		108.		360.	1662.
Beech Mtn.	M. D. Moore, Elk Park Rt. 1	1648.	60.	60.	365.	71.	57.	76.		93.	783.	804.	1588.
Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry	2514.		61.	1760.	75.		73.	250.	134.	1780.	633.	2413.
Cranberry	Mildred Green, Cranberry	1860.	120.	19.	86.	159.	143.	242.		222.	992.	600.	1592.
Chestnut Dale	H. E. Huffman, Newland Rt. 1	1201.	33.	21.	286.	39.	75.	82.		154.	716.	240.	955.
Crossnore	Lois W. Clark, Crossnore	4336.	120.	268.		211.	21.	118.	750.	361.	1849.	1857.	3706.
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Banner Elk		100.	200.	223.	120.		280.				570.	1493.
Elk Park	Clarence Carroll, Elk Park			418.		102.	179.	102.		70.	871.	425.	1296.
Fall Creek	Mack Cook, Elk Park Rt. 1				458.	117.		47.		236.	858.	508.	1366.
Fairview	Mrs. Jeff Woody, Spruce Pine		60.	30.		10.				43.	143.	117.	260.
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek	675.	60.			16.		80.		65.	160.	376.	477.
Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine			51.		60.	39.	213.	519.	242.		440.	1564.
Henson Creek	Stella Dellinger, Newland Rt. 3				4000.	28.				23.	4051.	253.	4303
Jonas Ridge	Mrs Grace Rose. Jonas Ridge	857.			46.	23.		53.	50.	113.	284.	461.	745.
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis	3700.		38.	201.	62.	195.	362.		124.	2883.	655.	3538.
Mt. Pleasant	Loren Burleson, Newland Rt. 3	2886.	72.	25.	529.	56.			486.	200.	1368.	720.	2088
Newland	Finley Banner, Newland	7729.	140.	879	570.	241.	175.	312.	2527.	234.	5078.	2083.	7162.
Oak Grove	Mrs. Duard Cornett, Newland		60.			108.		66.		60.		180.	304.
Pineola	Loyd Thompson, Pineola	776.	110.	105.		29.	57.	91.			278.	411.	689.
Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis, Frank	4432.	180.	132.	1110.	120.	131.	186.			1857.	1430.	3286.
Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Elk Park			392.		29.		40.		5.	467.	146.	613.
Powder Mill	T. J. Green, Newland				18.	85.	50.					403.	556.
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Newland Rt. 1				69.	39.		43.		30.	181.	128.	309.
Stamey Town	Harold Dellinger, Newland Rt. 2	333.		18.	55.	35.	5.			32.	105.	167.	311.
Sugar Mtn.	Billie Banner, Newland Rt. 2		18.	23.		46.	33.	51.	100.	55.	326.	178.	504.
Valley Haven	Betty Draughn, Banner Elk	2183.			1331.	51.		137.	265.	114.		168.	2031.
Whites Memorial	Mrs. Joe Hughes Newland	1481.	104.		675.	109.	59.	206.	4.	187.	1304.	300.	1604.
Yellow Mtn.	Wade Buchanan, Newland Rt. 2		208.			64.	114.			433.	820.	520.	1240.
Totals		36611	1510	4808	12756	2296.	1559.	3089.	4951.	3375.	27751.	15782.	48901.

TABLE G. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Other Objects	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Aaron	W. W. Braswell, Newland	35.						110.	22.		166.	1413.
Big Meadow	Mrs. L. W. Carpenter, Three Mile							256.	40.		296.	1958.
Beech Mtn.	M. D. Moore, Elk Park	1.		34.		31.		31.	21.	13.	133.	1720.
Belview	Julius Ollis Cranberry			8.	13.	28.		178.	25.		251.	2665.
Cranberry	). L. Wright, Cranberry	3.		25.	13.	13.		66.	25.		144.	1736.
Chestnut Dale	R. L. Sluder, Newland Rt. 1							66.		16.	82.	1038.
Crossnore	Mrs. Bill Aldridge, Crossnore	66.		45.	29.	95.	25.	145.	35.		440.	4146.
Elk Valley	J. A. Norman, Elk Park					10.	100.	162.	25.	100.	297.	1890.
Elk Park	Mrs. C. A. Bowlick, Elk Park	43.		10.	34	25.	12.	27.	45.	5.	202.	1498.
Fall Creek	Mack Cook, Elk Park Rt. 1		25.					88.	22.		135.	1501
Fairview	Mrs. Jeff Woody, Spruce Pine Rt. 1											
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon Beech Creek							150.	16.	2.	178.	675.
Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine				29.			58.	17.	39.	125.	1689.
Henson Creek	Stella Dellinger Newland Rt., 3								10.	85.	95.	4398.
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Grace Rose Jonas Ridge							218.	31.		249.	994.
Minneapolis	Helen Grindstaff, Minneapolis							49.	28.	77.	154.	3615.
Mt. Pleasant	Loren Burleson, Newland Rt. 3							120.	90.	209.	420.	2508.
Newland	Ruth Calloway, Newland	195.			25.			100.	50.	53.	423.	7585.
Oak Grove	Mrs. Duard Cornett Newland							25.	12.		37.	341.
Pineola	Mrs. Loyd Thompson, Pineola			11.	6.			44.	32.		93.	782.
Pleasant Hill	Lawerence Ollis Frank	3.			11.	107.		120.	51.		291.	3577.
Pleasant Valley	Mrs. Walter Hicks, Elk Park	5.						7.	6.		18.	631.
Powder Mill	George Watson, Newland Rt. 1								10.		10.	566.
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Newland Rt. 1											
Stamey Town	Mamie Dellinger, Newland	14.		10.				14.	13.		51.	362.
Sugar Mtn.	Mrs. Leo Braswell, Newland						5.	23.	22.		50.	554.
Valley Haven	Floyd Baird, Banner Elk			42.	11.			32.	17.	83.	184.	2115.
Whites Memorial	Mrs. Hubert Carpenter, Newland Rt. 3							16.	17.	19.	52.	1656.
Yellow Mtn.	Rosalyn Calloway, Newland Rt. 3							49.	34.		83.	1431.
Totals		365	25.	185.	171.	309.	142.	2154	716.	701.	4659.	51543.

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ROLL OF DELEGATES

AARON: W. W. Braswell, Mrs. Hetty Lovin.

BIG MEADOW: O. J. Benfield, Ethel Carpenter, Alma Benfield, Madge Caloway, Jeanett Benfield.

BEECH MTN.: Harvie Bowman, John Trivett, Dave Trivett, Roy McGuire.

BELVIEW: Maynard Ollis, Mrs. Nell Ollis, Mrs. Flossie Gouge.

CRANBERRY: B. B. Ollis, Mrs. E. L. McCourry, O. L. Wright.

CHESTNUT DALE: Geter Isaacs, J. C. Isaacs.

CROSSNORE: Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woody, Kennith Johnson.

ELK VALLEY: Ernest Eller, Duglas McGuire, Don Horney.

ELK PARK: B. H. Winters, Claud Wilson.

FALL CREEK: Junior Smith, T. B. Gryder, Spencer Jones.

FAIRVIEW: Roy Cook, Goldman Hughes, Jeff Woody.

FLAT SPRINGS: Russel Norris, Don Greene, Cleo Jones.

GREEN VALLEY: Mrs. Fritz Hall, Mrs. Dock Ollis, Mrs. Homer Grindstaff.

HENSON CREEK: Mrs. Ray McKinney, Mrs. Stokes McKinney, Virginia Dellinger.

JONAS RIDGE: L. T. Shell, J. D. Clark, Grace Rose.

MINNEAPOLIS: R. T. Lewis, Thelma Hymes, Mr. and Mrs. Waits Holsclaw, Charles Pritchard.

MT. PLEASANT: R. F. Horney, Nellie Deaton, Paty Deaton.

NEWLAND: Bruce Daniels, Mrs. Bob Banner, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Shomaker, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor.

OAK GROVE: J. A. Ledford.

PINEOLA: Coy Woody, Mrs. Ira Vance, Mrs. Howard Vance, Tennie Vance, Ernie Buchanan.

PLEASANT HILL: Will Greene, Mrs. John Atwell, Mrs. L. E. Pittman, Mrs. Roy Ollis, Mrs. E. D. Buchanan, Mrs. Jennie Hoilman.

PLEASANT VALLEY: Warnie Guinn, Mrs. Walter Hicks, Mrs. Noah Hicks.

POWDER MILL: Joe Cantrell, Frank Jones, Edward Buchanan, Hick Buchanan.

ROARING CREEK: No Delegates.

STAMEY TOWN: G. H. Dellinger, Eddie Bowman, Agness Bowman, Delzia Stamey, Ruby Dellinger.

SUGAR MTN.: No Delegates.

VALLEY HAVEN: Mrs. Ira Hodges, Mrs. Estell Baird, Mrs. Council Gilliam.

WHITES MEMORIAL: Hubert Carpenter, Frank Vance, Geo. Huskins.

YELLOW MTN.: No Delegates.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the various churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and every additional fifty or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Power and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegate or letter more than two successive seasons without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Officers

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer (one person), Historian, and an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Association and three laymen elected by the association, all of whom shall be elected after the letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office, except the clerk, to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session. The clerk shall continue until the minutes are printed and distributed.

"All officers provided for in this Article of the Constitution shall be members of a Baptist Church belonging to this Association."

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. *Meetings*

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. *Business*

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.
3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.
4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancy in organization.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of Committee on Order of Business as to subjects and discussion.
9. Election of officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.
11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1. Flat Springs. We Resolve, Whereas we have been so bountifully fed, graciously made to feel our welcome that we the Avery Association give expression by a rising vote of THANKS.

Respectfully,
Frank Parsons,
Claud Wilson, Committee

No. 2. Beech Mtn.: We the Avery County Association plus all our visitors and friends wish to express our THANKS to good folk of this Church for making us feel at home and certainly have not turned anyone away hungry. Words will not express our feeling; after all observation is the best witness. There was D. N. Jones, he ate so much that we got ashamed to mention it but since he is an old country boy we decided to pass him up when we saw Bro. Reed still eating when the bell rang. We decided that this would well establish that there was plenty to eat and it was good.

Respectfully,
Claud Wilson,
Junior Smith,
Ira Hodges, Committee

PROCEEDINGS FIRST DAY, AUG. 25

1. The Association in its Forty Fourth Annual Session met at Flat Springs Church. The Moderator promptly at 9:30 called the meeting to order.

2. Song—Won't It Be Wonderful There? Devotion was by J. Astor Buchanan. Theme: Soul Winning.

3. Roll call and all churches answered by letter except Oak Grove. New pastors were asked to let themselves be known and the following were recognized: Claud Wilson of Elk Park, H. H. Ruppe of Cranberry, and Ronda Earp of Flat Springs.

4. Election of Officers. After Mack Hodge asked that the Association relieve him, they elected Vilas N. Minton, Moderator, and D. N. Jones, Vice Moderator, and Bruce Daniels, Historian. Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk & Treas.; R. T. Lewis, Roy McGuire and Brown Ollis on the Executive Committee.

5. Report on Evangelism not being ready the report on B.T.U. called for and read by the clerk and adopted.

6. Report on W.M.U. was read by Mrs. Bob Banner, discussed and adopted.

7. Dr. C. S. Greene, vice president of Wake Forest, was recognized and brought a fine message.

8. Offering taken for the Clerk to reimburse him for last year, $22.90. On motion the Clerk to receive $50.00 for his work and the Churches are asked to send 10 cents per resident member reported.

9. Committee on Resolutions appointed was Frank Parsons, Lee Pittman, Claud Wilson.

10. Song led by Frank Parsons and the annual sermon was by Bruce Buchanan, reading 12 verses from Mark 2nd chapter. An inspiring and spiritual message was enjoyed by all. Adjourned with prayer by Bruce Buchanan.

AFTERNOON

1. After a good dinner and an hour of fine fellowship the Association reassembled at 1 P. M.

2. After song the devotion was by Dudley Gore of Three Forks Association.

3. Committee on Time and Place and Preacher was appointed: Geo. Johnson, Roy McGuire, Geo. Huskins. Committee on Committees was R. A. Shomaker, Dave Trivette, Homer Caloway.
4. Sunday School Convention report was read and adopted.
5. Visitors were asked to stand and a score or more from Three Forks Association stood, and Bro. Sidney Hall and Tyson Buchanan of Mitchell and Tyson made a good talk.
6. Report on Public Morals was by D. N. Jones. He brought a timely message and very much enjoyed.
7. Committee was appointed to see a monument for Bro. D. A. Greene was D. N. Jones, R. A. Shomaker, Bruce Buchanan, Frank Parsons. Adjourned with prayer Jr. Smith.

PROCEEDINGS SECOND DAY, AUG. 26

1. The Association met at 9:30 with Beech Mtn. Church, V. N. Minton presiding. Song led by L. W. Hagaman and the devotion was by Claud Wilson.
2. Visitors were recognized as follows: Dr. McGee, of the Hospital, Dr. L. L. Carpenter, Editor of Biblical Recorder, Claud Gaddy, Counsel on Education from Raleigh and Brother Bob Gaddy. Bob Hope of Mars Hill, and Dr. J. C. Canipe came in just a bit later.
3. Report on Hospitals was read by Ira Hodges and Dr. McGee brought greetings from the Hospital and a fine message. Report was adopted.
4. Report on Homes for the Aged read and discussed by the Supt., J. M. Hayes and adopted. Claud Gaddy and Bob Hope told us something about our Baptist Colleges and appealed for Baptists to patronize our own schools.
5. Dr. Biggerstaff was recognized and brought a message about the allied Church League and what they are trying to do against booze.
6. Amendment to Constitution was offered by R. T. Lewis and adopted (Art. 8).
7. Report on Missions Cooperative Program was by V. N. Minton, D. N. Jones presiding, and Dr. J. C. Canipe discussed the subject at length and brought a good message.

8. Report on Orphanage was read and W. C. Reed, the Supt., was recognized and also his wife and her mother. J. D. Parker, S. Piercy, J. W. Davis and Bro. Reed brought greetings from the Orphanage which was much enjoyed .
9. G. H. Dellinger was recognized, the Sunday School Supt. for the Association, and also our V.B.S. Teacher, Miss Brownell Ollis, who made her report. Adjourned with prayer by V. N. Minton.

AFTERNOON SECOND DAY

1. Song led by Ed W. Buchanan. Devotion by D. N. Jones.
2. Periodicals were discussed by Dr. L. L. Carpenter, and John Roberts of Gardner-Webb College told us about the College and also about all our Colleges.
3. Report on Resolutions was read and adopted and Time and Place. Offering taken for the Treas. was $14.00.
4. Committee on Committees report was adopted and the Committee that was to see about a marker for Bro. D. A. Greene's grave reported as follows: We recommend that the Delegates go back to their Churches and take an offering for this and mail it to Rev. Bruce Buchanan, Bakersville. D. N. Jones, R. A. Shomaker, Committee.
5. Report on Obituaries was read by Ed W. Buchanan and the Association was asked to stand while he sang the old song, We Are Passing Away, and with bowed heads Bro. Reed concluded the prayer.
6. Bro. W. C. Reed brought us an inspiring and spiritual sermon which was the highlight of the Association.
7. Song, Blest Be the Tie That Binds, and good old time handshake adjourned a good session with prayer by H. H. Ruppe.

V. N. Minton, Moderator
Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held with Pleasant Hill the 1st day, Thursday, August 23, and with Newland Friday, August 24, 1956, and the Rev. Howard Hodges preach the annual sermon and L. H. Hagaman be his Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
George Johnson,
Roy McGuire,
George Huskins, Committee

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

The program of the V.B.S. is to teach the boys and girls more about God and the Bible. It is one of the best ways to learn about God. Many boys and girls go to V.B.S. when they won't go to any other Church Services, and they sometimes get interested and start going to Church and Sunday School B.T.U. The following Churches have had V.B.S. this summer: Pleasant Hill, Cranberry, Beech Mtn., Elk Park, Crossnore, Oak Grove, Valley Haven, Whites Memorial and Stamey Town. There were about 254 boys and girls attending these. These boys and girls were from the age of 2 years old to 16 years old. There were 13 conversions and 10 dedications. An offering was taken at each School and the approximate amount was $43.72 which was sent to the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Brownell Ollis

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION

Cooperative Program	Howard Hodges
Periodicals	Claud Wilson
Temperance	D. N. Jones
Education	R. L. Painter
W. M. U.	Mrs. C. A. Bowlick
Sunday Schools	G. H. Dellinger
B. T. U.	H. H. Ruppe
Orphanage	Geo. Johnson
Relief and Annuity	L. L. Estepp
Hospitals	Ira Hodges
Evangelism	L. H. Hagaman
Home for the Aged	Charlie Woody
Stewardship	Mack Hodge
Public Morals	W. W. Braswell
Finance	Ed W. Buchanan
Church Libraries	Mrs. Bob Banner
Obituaries	Roy McGuire

MINISTERS WHO ARE NOT PASTORS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

(For Pastors See Tables)

Guy Blair, Newland Rt. 1; W. A. Braswell, Montezuma; J. C. Brown, Cranberry; Frank Brown, Cranberry; Rubin Cook, Minneapolis; Jess Cook, Minneapolis; Earl Carver, Banner Elk; L. L. Estepp, Newland Rt. 2; William Grindstaff, Spruce Pine; V. W. Greene, Cranberry; Calvin Guy, Elk Park Rt. 1; Troy Guy, Elk Park Rt. 1; Warney Guinn, Elk Park; Gaither Harmon, Elk Park; Ham Hobson, Newland Rt. 1; Spencer McCloud, Cranberry; Jeff Pyatte, Minneapolis; James Puckett, Spruce Pine; Virgil Parlier, Newland Rt. 3; L. W. Woody, Spruce Pine.

ORPHANAGE

Dear Fellow Baptists:

As your Orphanage representative, elected by Avery Association, I have tried to be of service to the churches and to the Baptist Orphanage. Valuable produce, as well as offerings, have been given by many Avery Churches. It is the work of the Lord, who will extend mercy and love to all who have helped and will help in the future.

As I am moving from Avery County, I am sending the churches my final report. Perhaps this report should be included in the 1955 minutes of Avery Association.

Yours in Prayerful Service,
A. G. Brooks
Produce Offerings:

Minneapolis	122.00	Mt. Pleasant	69.00
Aaron	$ 100.00	Newland	22.00
Big Meadow	149.00	Pleasant Hill	120.00
Beech Mountain	114.00	Stamey Town	114.00
Belview	209.00	Sugar Mtn.	27.25
Cranberry	163.75	Valley Haven	91.00
Chestnut Dale	85.75	Whites Memorial	60.00
Crossnore	127.50		
Elk Valley	26.00	Total for Avery	$2,114.50
Flat Springs	227.00		
Green Valley	43.50		
Jonas Ridge	251.25	Total for Mitchell	$ 546.46

REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program is a plan which enables the individual and the Church to pay in the support of the objects which Baptists believe should be supported as the program which Jesus began. This program is clearly set forth in Matthew 4:23—Preaching, teaching, healing and ministering. This is therefore the work of the Cooperative Program. For 30 years the Cooperative Program has been the major channel of Southern Baptists of supporting all their missionary, educational and benevolent work. Through the Cooperative Program Southern Baptists have contributed in these 30 years 266 million dollars. The record reveals that Southern Baptists are growing in their stewardship more rapidly than any other larger denomination in America and yet at the present time the gifts of Southern Baptists through their churches are less than 3% of our estimated income.

Yes, Baptists are growing in their support of the Cooperative Program although many of our churches still have no part in the program of World Missions through the Cooperative Program. The number of such churches is growing smaller each year. There should be an increasing concern about the portion being expended on the local programs of the churches in comparison with what is given for missions.

In Avery Association which is composed of 29 churches the total expenditures for all mission work was $1415.87 and gifts to the Cooperative fund amounted to only $159.15 of which only six churches had a part. What can be done to increase our support of the local church program to World Missions?

As your committee we recommend:

1. That every church plan a Stewardship Revival between October 31 and November 30 or nearest to the convenient week.
2. That every church should have a budget.
3. That every church conduct an every member canvass.
4. That every church include gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program in its budget for a certain percentage of the total budget rather than a certain number of dollars.
5. That every church prayerfully consider increasing the percentage going to missions through the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Vilas N. Minton, Committee
Cooperative Program

W. M. U. REPORT

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" through another year of W. M. U. work in the Avery Association. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;" John 3:14, has been our watchword for this year. Our hymn for the year has been "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," an old hymn, yet one of the best loved among all those composed by the great English writer of hymns, Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Many believe more conversions have taken place during the singing of this hymn than any other. Singing this grand old hymn we should remember that "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

As laborers together with God every year, the women of our Association have tried to be faithful in witnessing for Christ. Two of the things we are emphasizing this year are (1) the importance of making our own homes Christian and (2) evangelism. Our supreme task as Christians is to win this world for our Lord and his Christ. To such end, we must major on evangelism. That is the first note in the Marching Orders of our Lord. Evangelism should always be our Mission, in our homes, our communities, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Avery Association was one of the associations in the state to reach the goal set in Mission Study. There has been added interest in Mission Study for several years. On Thursday evening, November 18, 1954 our State Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Charles A. Maddrey, of Durham, taught the mission study book "Pilgrimage to Brazil" written by the late Everett Gill, Jr., at the Newland Baptist Church to representatives from all six of our Missionary Societies. This was the first time a State Chairman had visited our Association and taught a study class. We hope to have Mrs. Shelby W. Vance, Mission Study Chairman of the French Broad Association, of Mars Hill, to teach our class this fall. The Missionary Round Table was started for the first time this year. Each member reads selected books and reviews the book at special meetings. The selections are listed in the current missionary Round Table Booklist.

We would like to enlist and develop our women and young people in the practice of the following fundamentals: Prayer, study of the Missionary Message of the Bible and World Missions, tithes and offerings, and community missions.

Representatives have been to Ridgecrest and Fruitland. Council meetings are held each quarter. Special meetings are held when necessary. Miss Beverly Neilson, Sunbeam Worker and Field Representative from our state office, was our special guest at one of these meetings.

Our Annual Associational meeting was held on Monday evening, April 25, 1955, at the Newland Baptist Church. We had with us Mrs. John Wacaster, of Cherryville, our State Field Representative, and Miss Carol Leigh Humphries, Missionary from Nigeria. The theme of their message was "Go Quickly, and Tell." Miss Humphries illustrated her message with a suitcase full of souvenirs from Nigeria. The following officers were duly elected to serve for 1955-56:

Associational Superintendent — Mrs. Edith C. Bowlick
Associate Superintendent — Mrs. Vance Buchanan, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs. Emmett Gouge
Young People's Leader — Mrs. J. T. Tanner
R. A. Counselor — Vance Buchanan, Jr.
Mission Study Chairman — Mrs. Bob Banner
Stewardship Chairman — Mrs. Maynard Ollis
Community Missions Chairman — Mrs. George Johnson
Literature Chairman — Mrs. Pearl H. Corbin
Margaret Fund — Carver School Chairman, Miss Lucy Ward
Extension Chairman — Mrs. C. M. Lecka
Song Leader — Mrs. Mary Helen Hughes Henley

Our total gifts for all phases of the work during the year: $——————

We hope our Association will be A-1 next year. We solicit the cooperation and the prayers of the pastors and all who make up the Missionary groups in Averv County. Many have used their talents, time, personality and money to achieve what has been done, and for all that has been done, we are most grateful. May we go forward with love and understanding and an earnest desire to accomplish great things for the Master in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Bob Banner
Associational W.M.U. Mission
Study Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Met with Crossnore July 22nd at 10 A. M.

Song Service led by Kennith Johnson, accompanied by Betrice Banner at the piano.

Devotion by Rev. Howard Hodges. In Memoriam of R. T. Teague, our departed Supt. led by Ed W. Buchanan. R. T. Lewis was called to the Chair by the Sec'y. who presided for the day.

Roll Call and 14 Sunday Schools answered with the following number of Delegates: Big Meadow 10, Belview 2, Cranberry 9, Chestnut Dale 2, Crossnore all, Fair View 5, Minneapolis 3, Newland 1, Pineola 4, Pleasant Hill 4, Powder Mill 3, Stamey Town 8, Whites Memorial 3, Yellow Mtn. 2, 6 Supts. and 6 Preachers.

Election of Officers: Elected were G. H. Dellinger, Supt. and Frank Parsons, Asst. Supt.; and Ed W. Buchanan, Sec'y. On motion Charlie Woody was selected to preach the sermon today.

Committees appointed were Virginia Young, Beatrice Banner and Mrs. Ira Vance on Place and Preacher; Frank Parsons, Charlie Woody and G. H. Dellinger on Resolutions.

Reports on Progress by the following Supts.: J. A. Webb, L. W. Woody, Frank Vance, Taylor Buchanan, Mrs. Wade Buchanan, Claud Stafford, R. T. Lewis and Virginia Young, Ed W. Buchanan, Nelle McCourry, G. H. Dellinger and Homer Caloway.

Summary Report on V.B.S. was by Miss Brownell Ollis who is teaching in our Association.

Annual Sermon by Charlie Woody was enjoyed very much by all present. Adjourned with prayer by Frank Parsons.

AFTERNOON

After a good lunch and an hour of fine fellowship the meeting reassembled at 1 P. M.

Devotion was by Frank Parsons after some fine singing by the girls from Cranberry.

Question: What Sunday School Has Meant to Me. Discussed by Kennith Johnson, was one of the highlights of the day.

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held with Stamey Town on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July 1956 and that Frank Parsons preach the sermon. Virginaia Young, Betrice Banner, Mrs. Ira Vance.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas the blessings of God and of these good people of this church are so good that we express our thanks by standing together as we say thank you. Frank Parsons, Charlie Woody, G. H. Dellinger.

The pastor from Cranberry was recognized and gave us a fine talk and sang a solo. The audience standing and singing Amazing Grace. Adjourned a good convention with prayer by the pastor from Cranberry.

Ed W. Buchanan, Presiding Sec'y.
R. T. Lewis,

B. T. U.

The Training in this Association in the few years is gradually increasing. There has been one B. T. U. organized in the association this year. This we feel has strengthened the cause a great deal. May we consider it a challenge for God that in these last days of great intelligent minds that we need to consider our churches' need for trained teachers and leaders in our work for the Lord.

And we need to feel that the B. T. U. has a place in our Churches, training our members in prayer life as well as to be sincere to the call of our Master who said, Go ye into all the world.

God help us to become more devoted and spiritual and consecrated to the task that is before us. May we all pray and work for a Training Union in every church.

Respectfully,
Ernest McGuire.

FINANCE

Received from Churches for Minutes	$205.00
From State Mission Board for V. B. S.	175.00
From Crossnore County Missions	10.00
Total	$390.00
Spent for Printing and Postage, etc.	$190.00
County Missions paid J. C. Brown	10.00
Paid V. B. S. Teacher	175.00
Paid Clerk	30.00
Total Paid	$415.00
Offering taken to Reimburse the Clerk	22.00

Ed W. Buchanan, Treas.

PUBLIC MORALS

The Psalms say, Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

God called to Ezekiel in Chapter 22, 30th verse: And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it but I found none.

Standing for God requires self-denial, first denying ourselves from the lust of the flesh, second, denying ourselves of the pride of the world and presenting our bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto God which is our reasonable service. He has commanded us to touch not, taste not and handle not, and I will receive you.

There was more than twice as much spent for beer and whiskey last year than was spent for all religious activity put together. I feel that the lack of good morals cost our nation the lives of some 38,000 people, men and women and children on the highways. In 1954 one person was killed every nine minutes, one person injured ever 34 minutes. In 1930 we had 777 highway deaths while in 1953 we had more than 1118. Much of it was caused by driving under the influence of whiskey or beer.

The forces of evil is advertising by newspaper, radios, television and recreation and vacation spots up and down this land. Homes are being broken up and young women dressing in an unmannerable way, bringing themselves to be victims of sin and reproach. And many come to the altar of holy matrimony unvirtuous and many babies are born out of wedlock.

Then who shall stand in the gap for God in these days in which we live and cry for clean living and to be born again which would make a different world to live in.

Respectfully,
D. N. Jones.

SUGGESTED REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING

Associational Year 1955

The North Carolina Baptist Home for the Aging began their fifth year of operation March 16, 1955. This has been a year of encouraging progress. Both Homes—Resthaven and Albemarle—have had a continuing waiting list of applicants. As soon as a vacancy occurs there are far more applicants for admission than can be accepted.

This year will be remembered as one of notable enlargement of facilities. Construction of the Administration and Residential Building, costing $300,000, will get under way, and it should be completed by this time next year. The new building will provide office facilities, dining rooms, kitchen, chapel, infirmary, recreational and handicraft space, and rooms for forty additional residents, thus raising the total capacity of the Homes to 95 residents.

Two-thirds of the cost of the new building is now in hand, counting the value of real estate turned over to the Homes. Personal and corporation gifts are being received which will further add to the amount on hand.

Memorial gifts may be made in the following ways: A gift of $300 will furnish a room; $1,000 will endow—furnish and maintain—a room; $3,000 will pay cost of building a room. In either case, a memorial plaque—bearing the name of the donor and the name of the person memorialized, or honored—will be placed on the door of a room.

Miss Nettie Pearl Willis gave her homeplace at Vale, N. C., as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Laura Elliott Goode Willis. The property will be sold and proceeds be used to erect a cottage on the permanent site of our Homes. In addition, Miss Willis made her will in favor of the Homes.

Increasing support on the part of our churches and denominational program gives great encouragement. So far this year, our Special Day Offering has reached almost $75,000. Since many of the churches put the Homes in the budget instead of taking a special offering, and some of the churches wait until the end of the calendar year to send their gifts, a complete report for the year cannot be made at this time. But it is likely that our goal of $100,000 for the special offering will be nearly reached. In addition, the Homes will receive $39,850 as their share of the Nine Year Program, according to the estimated budget.

With increasing aid from denominational sources, the Homes are helping a larger number who do not have sufficient funds with which to pay the cost of keep as residents. In fact, about ninety per cent of all the residents are being helped by the Homes—some with about two-thirds of the cost of keep, and others with about one-third. Less than ten per cent of the residents in the Homes have turned over enough assets to pay their cost of keep on the life plan. Regardless of financial condition, an applicant is received into the

Homes on the basis of need and room available.

All connected with the Homes—staff and residents—are most grateful for the prayers and support of our friends. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped." Surely all North Carolina Baptists should be grateful for the progress made thus far. Let us all rally to the challenge to render a greater ministry to the increasing number of aging friends who need the services of our Homes.

Respectfully submitted,
Roby L. Painter.

AVERY

Contributions to the North Carolina Baptist Homes during 1955 (not including any sent to Baptist Headquarters in July):

Belview	$15.00
Elk Valley	10.00
Flat Springs	4.41
Jonas Ridge	11.04
Minneapolis	22.50
Mount Pleasant	7.25
Pleasant Hill	11.25
Pleasant Valley	2.00
Stamey Town	12.14
Total	$95.59

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

1955 REPORT

Our Baptist Hospital fills an important place in the life and work of North Carolina Baptists. It will probably serve 50,000 patients this year, touching every area of our State.

In addition to this great host of sick people, our hospital provides an educational program for more than 450 young people who are training to become nurses, doctors, technicians, pastors and other Christian workers.

The Department of Pastoral Care provides Christian counseling and guidance for the patients, students, hospital staff and personnel, as well as hundreds of others who come to the hospital from over the State for this purpose alone.

It is not easy to estimate the value of these and other services rendered by our hospital to multiplied thousands of people of all ages in the fields of health, education, and spiritual guidance.

The cost of carrying on this program for such a multitude of people is tremendous—more than two million dollars a year. One-half million dollars of this is spent in helping to care for sick people who are not able to pay for the service they need. We are grateful to God for the privilege of sharing in such a work, and we want to thank the Churches of our Association for their part in it.

The opportunities for Christian service and witness through our hospital are truly great. We need to give it a much more generous support through our Mother's Day offerings and the Cooperative Program.

Ira Hodges.

OBITUARIES

Since our last meeting 33 brothers and sisters have gone to their reward, to wit:

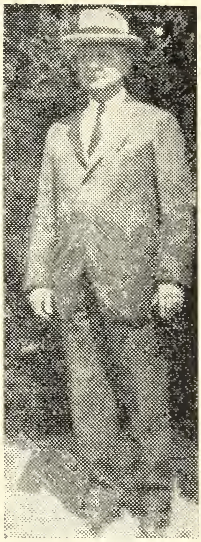
Big Meadow Church	Deacon Albert Caloway, Mr. Martin Carpenter, Mr. Everette Carpenter, Miss Belle Pyatte
Beech Mtn	Mr. J. M. Estepp
Belview	Mrs. Lydia Tolley, Mrs. Norma Ollis, Mr. George Tolley
Cranberry	Mrs. Delia Greene
Chestnut Dale	Mrs. Zylphia Johnson
Elk Valley	Mr. James Brewer, Mr. Charles Cook
Fall Creek	Deacon B. F. McGuire
Henson Creek	Mr. Clayton Buchanan
Minneapolis	Mr. Sam Sparks, Mr. R. T. Lewis, Jr., Mr. Mack Holsclaw
Newland	Deacon R. T. Teague
Pineola	Mrs. Green Buchanan, Mr. W. A. Sisk
Pleasant Hill	Deacon C. T. Hickes, Miss Minnie Buchanan, Mr. Isaac Buchanan, Mr. Oscar Miller, Mrs. Sam Ollis
Pleasant Valley	Mrs. Connie Guinn, Mrs. Walter Trivett, Mrs. Nancy Guinn, Mr. Peter Brockwell
Powder Mill	Mrs. Dora Buchanan
Roaring Creek	Mrs. Martha Hughes, Mrs. Laura Hughes
Valley Haven	Mr. Floyd Baird

Man Dieth and wasteth away yea man giveth up the Ghost, and where is he?—Job 14:10.

IN MEMORIAM

R. T. Teague was born August 26, 1877 at Siler City, North Carolina, in Chatham County. He was the son of Addie Elizabeth Dorsett and Samuel Pleasant Teague. He received his education at Cedar Rock Academy and Wake Forest College.

1910 Brother Teague moved to Mitchell County in 1920 and to Avery County in 1925. For six years he was Avery County Superintendent of Public Instruction and for fifteen years was Postmaster at Newland. For 45 years he was active in the Mitchell and Avery County Baptist Associations. At the time of his death on June 6, 1955 at the Cabarrus Memorial Hospital, Concord, following deep seated injuries resulting from an automobile accident near Portsmouth, Virginia, on November 22, 1954, he was Associational Superintendent of Sunday Schools, Historian, Member of the Executive Committee of the Association, and teacher of the Men's Bible Class at the Newland Church. He was a past moderator (1943-1944) and Treasurer of the Avery Association.



R. T. TEAGUE

In his youth Brother Teague joined the Love's Creek Baptist Church, and was baptized in nearby Rocky River. Funeral services were held from his boyhood church on Wednesday, June 8, and he was buried in the family burial plot at Love's Creek.

Brother Teague made the principles of Christ the ruling influence of his life. He attended the Association regularly. There are few, if any, years when his name was not listed as a delegate. He was a godly man, a consecrated Christian, a devout Bible scholar, a tither, and a valuable Church member.

"And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."—Rev. 14:13.

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES

Historical Table

Year	Meeting Place	Moderator	Clerk	Sermon
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powdermill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Belview	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill and Minneapolis	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyatt
1946	Jonas Ridge and Oak Grove	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1947	Cranberry	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Frank Brown
1948	Powdermill	V. W. Greene	Ed. W. Buchanan	Dayton Jones
1949	Crossnore and Mt. Pleasant	D. N. Jones	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ben Wood
1950	Aaron and Newland	J. W. Costner	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1951	Elk Valley and Valley Haven	J. C. Brown	Ed. W. Buchanan	A. G. Brooks
1952	Sugar Mtn. and Big Meadow	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	D. N. Jones
1953	Belview and Minneapolis	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ira Hodges
1954	Fairview and Whites Memorial	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	Victor Trivette
1955	Flat Springs and Beech Mtn.	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	Victor Trivette

TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Aaron	2-4	No Pastor				79	28	107	1	269.
Big Meadow	1-3	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine	2	1	9	68	87	155	2	290.
Beech Mtn.	2-4	L. W. Hagaman, Reece	2		4	93	83	176	2	735.
Belview		J. C. Francisco, Elizabethton, Tenn.	11	7	4	59	54	113	2	805.
Cranberry	All	H. H. Ruppe, Cranberry	1	2	5	104	58	162	1	600.
Chestnut Dale	2-4	Vivian Brown, Minneapolis	3		8	51	8	59	1	240.
Crossnore	All	Howard Hodges, Crossnore	12	8	5	141	106	247	2	2385.
Elk Valley	1-3	D. N. Jones, Elk Park Rt. 1			17			194	2	604.
Elk Park	All	Claud Wilson, Elk Park	5	3	1	43	35	78		555.
Fall Creek	1-3	D. N. Jones, Elk Park Rt. 1	7	1	1	155	62	224	1	600.
Fairview	1-3	J. G. Hughes, Newland Rt. 1	3	8	1	52	26	78	1	206.
Flat Springs	1-3	Ronda Earp, Vilas	2		3	174	65	239	2	510.
Green Valley	1-3	Loyd Shell, Marion Rt. 2	2		3	99	43	101	1	480.
Henson Creek	2-4	Lee Pittman, Spruce Pine	5	2	6	78	33	111	2	420.
Jonas Ridge	1-3	No Pastor	5	10		85	65	150	2	330.
Minneapolis	2-4	D. N. Jones, Elk Park Rt. 1		1	2	100	33	133	1	630.
Mt. Pleasant		L. W. Hagaman, Reece	[illegible]		6	101	50	151	2	760.
Newland	All	V. N. Minton, Newland	14	5	6	161	71	232	2	3366.
Oak Grove	1-3	L. L. Estepp, Newland								
Pineola	2-4	Frank Parsons, Bakersville		4	3	48	41	89	1	685.
Pleasant Hill	1-3	Mack Hodge, Bakersville	13	4	8	242	125	367	1	1000.
Pleasant Valley	1-3	Russell Potter, Elizabethton, Tenn.			8	65	81	146		150.
Powder Mill	2-4	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine	3		4			79	1	275.
Roaring Creek	2-4	Theo. Letterman, Burnsville			2	95	18	103	2	99.
Stamey Town	1-3	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine				22	26	48		225.
Sugar Mtn.	1-3	Frank St. John, Lenoir	2	1	1	38	2	40		231.
Valley Haven	2-4	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk		1	3	42	21	63	1	206.
Whites Memorial	1-3	D. N. Jones, Elk Park Rt. 1	4	7	3			85		420.
Yellow Mtn.	2-4	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine	14			93	38	130	1	5[illegible].
Totals				66	110	2288	1259	3547	34	17625.

TABLE B. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V.B.S.
Aaron	Edward Suddertn, Montezuma				28	10	22	24	84	42		
Big Meadow	Homer Caloway, Plum Tree		15	8	15		10	22	90	70		
Beech Mtn.	Judd Walsh, Elk Park Rt. 1			12	19	18	20	33	104	60	29	24
Belview	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry		21	7	14	15	12	55	116	80	43	39
Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCourry, Cranberry	6	10	12	22	27	37	65	179	85	45	43
Chestnut Dale	H. E. Huffman, Newland Rt. 1	2	3	4	6	7	7	38	73	50		
Crossnore	J. A. Webb, Crossnore		14	21	30	29	56	50	203	175	72	65
Elk Valley	Ernest Eller, Elk Park Rt. 1		20		15	25	30	25	150	65		
Elk Park	B. H. Winters, Elk Park	6	8	12	10	8	12	25	81	60	71	64
Fall Creek	D. C. Cook, Elk Park Rt. 1		15	14	21		23	32	125		35	
Fairview	William Grindstaff, Spruce Pine Rt. 2	21	7	16	12		24	30	110	75		
Flat Springs	Joe Morris, Elk Park Rt. 1		27		14	26	34	38	142	90		
Green Valley	Roland McClellan, Crossnore	6		15	9	7	20	25	84	70		
Henson Creek	ee Burleson, Newland Rt. 3	7		10		12	20	20	75	70		
Jonas Ridge	Grady Singleton, Jonas Ridge		7	10	12	16	6	22		73		
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis	7		23		10	10		95	75	50	48
Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Newland Rt. 3		21	25	18	19	14	25	122		52	
Newland	Bruce Daniels, Newland		20	20	19	15	42	44	127	95	67	59
Oak Grove	rnold Parker, Newland			14	18		25	30	85	65	32	30
Pineola	Roy Woody, Jonas Ridge	5		10		12	12	14	65	50		
Pleasant Hill	Ed W. Buchanan, Minneapolis		14	9	18	14	15	80	155	130	60	52
Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Elk Park	5	5	9		12	8	15	68	40		
Powder Mill	Geo. Watson, Newland Rt. 1		10		10		15	15	50			
Roaring Creek	erl Hughes, Newland Rt. 1		18	8	8		10	20	64	60		
Stamey Town	Harold Dellinger, Newland Rt. 2		14		15		18	10	57	40	24	24
Sugar Mtn.	T. L. Duckworth, Newland Rt. 2			16		12		22	50	40		
Valley Haven	arry Draughn, Banner Elk		4	12	10	12	10	18	66	40	30	30
Whites Memorial	Frank Vance, Newland Rt. 2		12	20	8	11	11	23	85	68		
Yellow Mtn.	Austin Buchanan, Plum Tree	10	15	8	20	5	25	30	113	80		
Totals		75	280	301	358	312	511	820	2734	1783	569	448

TABLE C. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Beech Mtn.	Truman Church, Elk Park Rt. 1		12	19	18	20	33	2	104	60
Cranberry	Mrs. Myrtle Tolley, Cranberry	4	5		7	3	7	8	34	33
Crossnore	Harold Henson, Crossnore	11		10		14	15	2	52	48
Elk Valley	Charlie Erwin, Banner Elk	10		15	15	20	25	7	115	70
Elk Park	Bill Haga, Elk Park					20			20	20
Flat Springs	A. V. McGuire, Whaley								40	21
Henson Creek	Stokes Wise, Newland Rt. 3			8	6	5	10	5	34	30
Newland	Rudd Bare, Newland		5	10	10	7	15		47	35
Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis. Newland Rt. 1		4	6	15	15	25	2	67	51
Sugar Mtn.	Louise Rominger, Newland Rt. 2			8		17		5	30	20

TABLE D. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y.W.A. Units	G.A. Units	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Belview	Flossie Gouge, Cranberry	1			6	
Crossnore	Mrs. Howard Hodges, Crossnore	1			25	22
Elk Park	Mrs. Maud Angle, Elk Park	1	1	1	24	7
Newland	Mrs. Bob Banner, Newland	1			19	11
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. John Atwell, Newland Rt. 1	1			16	10

TABLE F. AND G. TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Aaron	W. W. Braswell, Montezuma			1081.		70.	81.				1233.	269.	1503.
Big Meadow	L. W. Carpenter, Three Mile			114.		67.		160.	460.	39.	1482.	290.	1792.
Beech Mtn.	Truman Church, Elk Park Rt. 1		60.	44.	500.	92.	148.	78.		21.	943.	734.	1678.
Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry	1814.		91.	112.	92.	158.	110.	200.	41.	805.	609.	1414.
Cranberry	Mildred Greene, Cranberry	2180.	190.	17.	91.	125.	70.			197.	690.	600.	1290.
Chestnut Dale	C. Johnson, Newland Rt. 1	500.	48.	18.		49.	75.	60.			245.	240.	485.
Crossnore	Mrs. Lois Clark, Crossnore	6072.	110.	20.	2100.	162.	100.	155.		189.	2837.	2075.	4912.
Elk Valley	Floy Aldridge, Banner Elk	1903.					49.	227.		447.	723.	600.	1323.
Elk Park	C. C. Caroll, Elk Park		25.	29.		162.	161.	200.		103.	682.	555.	1236.
Fall Creek	Bulah Dugger, Elk Park Rt. 1		75.	28.	86.	57.	42.	84.		329.	704.	600.	1304.
Fairview			60.	38.	84.	15.				32.	230.	206.	436.
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek	970.	60.			16.		85.		18.	119.	510.	629.
Green Valley	Wise Hall, Spruce Pine Rt. 1			409.	81.	125.	504.				1119.	480.	1599.
Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Newland Rt. 3		64.		140.	36.		275.		112.	563.	420.	983.
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Grace Rose, Jonas Ridge	1133.		40.		44.	25.	114.		86.	310.	330.	640.
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis	2714.	90.	48.	69.	81.	136.	200.		141.	1074.	630.	1704.
Mt. Pleasant	R. H. Carpenter, Newland Rt. 3	4849.		120.	1684.	112.	259.	357.		952.	3486.	760.	4246.
Newland	Finley Banner, Newland	11683.	240.	229.	1545.	344.	25.	358.	1527.	314.	3781.	3366.	7147.
Oak Grove	Watt Coffey, Newland	6236.			325.		59.		270.		684.	1224.	1236.
Pineola	Loyd Thompson, Pineola	1141.	130.			61.	24.	91.		31.	338.	684.	1023.
Pleasant Hill	Lawrence Ollis, Newland Rt. 1	6610.	180.	252.	12871.	182.	205.	151.	1250.	60.	15109.	1200.	16309.
Pleasant Valley	Robert Hicks, Elk Park	290.				25.				71.	96.	150.	317.
Powder Mill	T. J. Greene, Newland Rt. 1				1031.	21.		75.		120.	1248.	275.	1523.
Roaring Creek				21.		35.		108.		21.	186.	100.	286.
Stamey Town	G. H. Dellinger, Newland Rt. 2	650.	7.	1.		31.	19.		268.	47.	373.	228.	601.
Sugar Mtn.	Billie Banner, Newland Rt. 2	700.	12.			58.	18.	128.	118.	40.	363.	230.	593.
Valley Haven	Larry Draughn, Banner Elk			85.		57.	125.	80.	369.		720.	206.	926.
Whites Memorial	Mrs. Joe Hughes, Ingalls	185.	96.		944.	100.		50.	150.	85.	1425.	420.	1845.
Yellow Mtn.	T. J. Greene, Newland Rt. 3	1396.					26.	195.		490.	709.	590.	1299.
Totals		44790.	1447.	2685.	21338.	2219.	2250.	3341.	4342.	3986.	41593.	17357.	59043.

TABLE H. AND I. MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects, Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes
Aaron	W. W. Braswell, Montezuma	40.						[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]
Big Meadow	Mrs. L. W. Carpenter, Three Mile							272.	38.		301.	1792.
Beech Mtn.	M. D. Moore, Elk Park Rt. 1	36.						167.	14.	82.	336.	2015.
Belview	Julius Ollis, Cranberry			20	10.	23.		286.	10.		349.	1763.
Cranberry	O. L. Wright, Cranberry	4.						185.	21.		209.	1600.
Chestnut Dale	R. L. Sluder, Newland Rt. 1								15.		15.	501.
Crossnore	Mrs. William Aldridge, Crossnore	105.		15.	15.	8.		127.	25.		294.	5206.
Elk Valley	Luther Riddle, Banner Elk		7.	15.		10.		182.	25.	330.	500.	1904.
Elk Park	Mrs. C. A. Bowlick, Elk Park	48.	49.	20.	20.	40.	10.	50.	18.		228.	1465.
Fall Creek	J. L. Morris, Elk Park Rt. 1						20.	31.	25.	90.	166.	1470.
Fairview	Mrs. Jeff Woody, Spruce Pine Rt. 2											435.
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek							290.	13.	38.	304.	971.
Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine Rt. 2							61.	22.		84.	1683.
Henson Creek	Stella Dellinger, Newland Rt. 3							12.	13.		25.	983.
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Grace Rose, Jonas Ridge						6.	251.	26.		283.	925.
Minneapolis	Helen Grindstaff, Minneapolis			22.	15.			252.	45.	226.	560.	2265.
Mt. Pleasant	Loren Burleson, Newland							180.	90.	103.	373.	4620.
Newland	Ruth H. Caloway, Newland	170.		55.	12.	80.		100.	50.		468.	7616.
Oak Grove	Mrs. Duard Cornett, Newland							12.			12.	1236.
Pineola	Mrs. Loyd Thompson, Pineola							22.	17.		39.	1062.
Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis, Newland Rt. 1	2.		16.	130.	283.		205.	34.	11.	482.	16792.
Pleasant Valley	Mrs. Walter Hicks, Elk Park	5.		2.				18.	5.	5.	30.	287.
Powder Mill	Geo. Watson, Newland Rt. 1							10.	10.	40.	60.	1586.
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Newland Rt. 1											285.
Stamey Town	Charles Taylor, Newland Rt. 2				30.		12.	33.	12.	23.	95.	679.
Sugar Mtn.	Ella Braswell, Newland Rt. 2					75.	5.	24.	20.	25.	149.	743.
Valley Haven	David Draughn, Banner Elk			10.	5.			107.	33.		155.	1083.
Whites Memorial	Mrs. J. W. Stafford, Ingalls							65.	25.		90.	1845.
Yellow Mtn.	Rosalyn Calloway, Newland Rt. 3							42.	33.		75.	1375.
Totals		410.	56.	155.	237.	519.	53.	2994.	639.	973.	5724.	63589.

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Next session will be held with Crossnore Church on Thursday, Aug. 8 and Chestnut Dale Church on Friday, Aug. 9, 1957

DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is the above and pastors and one layman from every church.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION

Cooperative Program	W. W. Abernethy
Periodicals	Mack Hodge
Temperance	J. C. Brown
Education	Howard Hodges
W. M. U.	Mrs. Vance Buchanan, Jr.
Sunday Schools	L. W. Sudderth
B. T. U.	H. H. Ruppe
Orphanage	Geo. Johnson
Hospitals	Ira Hodges
Evangelism	R. L. Painter
Homes For The Aged	Charlie Woody
Public Morals	B. H. Winters
Obituaries	Ed W. Buchanan
Finance	Ed W. Buchanan
Church Libraries	Mrs. Howard Hodges

MINISTERS WHO ARE NOT PASTORS IN OUR ASSOCIATION:

Guy Blair, W. A. Braswell, J. C. Brown, Frank Brown, Vivian Brown, Rubin Cook, Jess Cook, Earl Carver, William Grindstaff, V. W. Greene, Calvin Guy, Troy Guy, Warney Guinn, Gaither Harmon, K. L. Haga, Ham Hobson, Spencer McCloud, Jeff Pyatte, James Puckette, Virgil Parlier, Charlie Thomas, L. W. Woody. (For Pastors see tables).

Note the change of time of our next session.

The script for this Minute was prepared by Ernest R. Owen while your Clerk is convalescing from his recent illness. A good son-in-law.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

AARON: Mrs. J. Ray Braswell, Mrs. Felton Sudderth, L. W. Sudderth.

BEECH MOUNTAIN: Truman Church, Hurst McGuire, Joe Parlier, M. D. Moore.

BELVIEW: Dewey Gouge, Mrs. Flossie Gouge, Mrs. Dewey Gouge.

BIG MEADOW: Bob Mace, Sina Mace, J. Piercy, Homer Caloway, Harold Benfield.

CHESTNUT DALE: Ella Huffman, Rosalee Huffman, Lula Isaacs, Jenny Hicks.

CRANBERRY: O. L. Wright, B. B. Ollis, E. L. McCourry.

CROSSNORE: J. A. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vance, Coleman Johnson, Kenneth Johnson.

ELK PARK: B. H. Winters, Gaither Harmon.

ELK VALLEY: Mr. and Mrs. Jess Puckett, Mrs. Floy Aldridge, Luther Riddle.

FALL CREEK: Geo. Crawford, D. C. Cook, Mack Cook.

FAIRVIEW: Avery Hoilman, Dallas Fisher, Robt. Hoilman.

FLAT SPRINGS: Joseph Norris, Don Greene, A. V. McGuire, W. R. Trivette.

GREEN VALLEY: Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hall, David McClellan.

HENSON CREEK: Stokes McKinney, Marcell Dillinger, Lillian Buchanan.

JONAS RIDGE: Grace Rose, Lester Shell, Arthur Rose.

MINNEAPOLIS: R. T. Lewis, Pauline Buchanan, Ora Buchanan, Phebe Buchanan.

MT. PLEASANT: R. F. Horney, Mrs. Omer Thompson, Nat Daniels.

NEWLAND: Mrs. Howard Turbyfill, Mrs. Fred Taylor.

OAK GROVE: No report.

PINEOLA—Ernie Buchanan, Mrs. Ira Vance, Mrs. Roger Franklin, Green Buchanan.

PLEASANT HILL: Mr. and Mrs. Gar Carpenter, Molt Buchanan, Lum Buchanan, H. R. Pittman.

PLEASANT HILL: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hicks, Mrs. Walter Hicks.

POWDER MILL: Joe Cantrell, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Will McKinney.

ROARING CREEK: Verl Hughes, Mrs. Clayton Hughes.

STAMEY TOWN: Eddie Bowman, Agnes Bowman, G. H. Dellinger, Flora Stamey.

SUGAR MTN.: No Delegates.

VALLEY HAVEN: Will Blair, Rosa Blair, Callie McGuire.

WHITES MEMORIAL: Olin Burleson, Mrs. J. W. Stafford, Mrs. Hubert Carpenter.

YELLOW MTN.: No Delegates.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the various churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and every additional fifty or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and Spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Power and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovergnty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegates or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon applications of a church for admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the body.

Duties of the Churches

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses It shall be the duty of the churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Officers

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer (one person), Historian, and an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Association and three laymen elected by the association, all of whom shall be elected after the letters have been received and the proper delegates seated at the morning session of the first day. Their terms of office, except the clerk, to commence at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue until the close of the next session. The clerk shall continue until the minutes are printed and distributed.

"All officers provided for in this Article of the Constitution shall be members of a Baptist Church belonging to this Association."

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles established by parliamentary usage.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the Body.

3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.

4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.

6. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enrolled delegates.

2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.

3. Investigate the failure of churches to be represented at the previous meeting.

4. Receive new churches.

5. Invite visitors to be seated.

6. Fill any vacancy in organization.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Adopt and follow report of Committee on Order of Business as to subjects and discussion.

9. Election of officers.

10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Body.

11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

RESOLUTIONS

NO. 1

We Resolve that whereas we have been so bountifully fed and made to feel our welcome that we give expression of our thanks by a rising vote of thanks to Pleasant Hill Church and may God bless you.

J. C. Francisco
W. R. Trivette
Avery Hoilman, Committee

NO. 2

We wish to express our Thanks to Newland Church by a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful dinner and the fine welcome that they have extended to this Association.

Mack Hodge
H. H. Ruppe
J. A. Webb, Committee

PROCEEDINGS — AUGUST 23

1. On August 23rd at 9:30 A. M., the Avery Baptist Association met with Pleasant Hill Church, Rev. D. N. Jones presiding. Song led by L. W. Sudderth. Devotion was by Mack Hodge.

2. Enrollment and 28 churches answered. New pastors were presented to wit: W. W. Abernethy, J. C. Francisco. Visitors were Jeff Willis and Erb McKinney of Mitchell and Rev. C. W. Bazemore, Associate Editor, of the Recorder from Raleigh.

3. Election of officers. Rev. Ira Hodges was elected Moderator and J. C. Brown, Vice Moderator. Ed W. Buchanan, Clerk and Treasurer. Bruce Daniels, Historian. On motion the Executive Committee to the Association, officers and pastors and one lay member to be elected by the respective churches.

4. Report on Evangelism was by J. C. Brown and discussed by him and adopted.

   Report on Sunday Schools was by G. H. Dellinger and Ed W. Buchanan, and the new Supt. L. W. Sudderth was recognized and made a fine speech.

   Report on Periodicals was read by the Clerk, and C. W. Bazemore brought a good mesage.

   Report of Committee that was to erect a marker for D. A. Greene's grave was read by the Clerk and on motion the Committee voted to spend what surplus on the cemetery at that place.

5. Offering taken for the treasury was $32.50.

6. D. N. Jones called the newly elected Moderator to the chair to preside for this session. The annual sermon was by Rev. Howard Hodges; a very interesting sermon and much enjoyed.

7. Adjourned for lunch by J. C. Francisco.

AFTERNOON

1. After a good dinner and an hour of fine fellowship the Association reassembled at 1:30. Singing of some old songs by the Christian Harmony Quartet was much enjoyed. Devotion was by Frank Parsons.

2. A special prayer was called for Bro. W. W. Braswell who is seriously ill in Marion Hospital. The prayer was led by G. H. Dellinger.

3. Report on W. M. U. was read by Howard Hodges and adopted.

   Report on Public Morals not ready. L. W. Sudderth made a fine speech on the subject.

   M. H. Kendall introduced Prof. Bud Smith of Wingate College who brought a fine message on Christian Education.

   Temperance Report was by D. N. Jones and Committee on Time and Place made their report.

4. Adjourned with more old songs by the Quartet. A god day and a good time by every one present.

PROCEEDINGS — AUGUST 24

1. The Association met at 9:30 with Newland Church, Ira Hodges presiding. Two songs led by H. H. Ruppe, "Jesus Saves" and "Send the Light". Devotion was by W. W. Abernethy. Theme: Mission of the Church.
2. Visitors recognized were Dr. McGee and his wife of the Hospital and J. M. Hayes, Manager of Homes for the Aged, and his brother, Charlie Hayes. B. T. U. Worker W. C. Spradlin, and Rev. W. C. Reed, Manager of Childrens' Homes.
3. Report on Homes for the Aged was by Charlie Hayes, and he made a good speech. J. M. Hayes brought greetings and thanks from our old people. Hospital Report was by Ira Hodges and Dr. McGee spoke on the subject.
4. Mrs. McGee brought us a fine message on W. M. U. work around the world, which was very much enjoyed. Children's Home Report was read by Howard Hodges and W. C. Reed brought greetings from our children in the homes. George Johnson was retained as our Orphanage representative.
5. Cooperative Program was by Howard Hodges who gave his time to Dr. M. A. Huggins who brought a very interesting message.
6. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Cain who is newly appointed Missionary for our Western district.

AFTERNOON

1. After a good and bountiful lunch prepared in the church kitchen and served by the good ladies of Newland Church the Association reassembled at 1:30.
2. The Christian Harmony Quartette sang two songs and the devotion was by R. H. Ruppe. Report on Stewardship was by Mack Hodge, and H. H. Ruppe was elected as B. T. U. director.

3. Bill Spradlin was recognized and made a good speech on T. U. work. Rev. R. O. Vance was welcomed with us and Mrs. Earl James, W. M. U. worker, was recognized and made a good talk.
4. Obituaries was by the Clerk, which was one of the highlights of this meeting. Report on Church Libraries was by Mrs. Bob Banner. Resolutions Report was read and adopted and Finance Report was adopted.
5. Adjourned a good session with song, "Amazing Grace", and prayer by Deacon J. H. Vance.

IRA HODGES, Moderator
ED W. BUCHANAN, Clerk & Treas.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session be held on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in August, being the 8th and 9th days of August 1957, and H. H. Ruppe preach the Annual Sermon. The first day at Crossnore and the second day at Chestnut Dale.

Kennith Johnson
Dewey Gouge
A. V. McGuire, Committee

FINANCE

Received from all	$203.50
Spent	203.50
	Even

Ed W. Buchanan, Treasurer

ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage is one part of our denominational work that is close to the heart of every Baptist. The welfare of our homeless children, is a concern of all of us. As we endeavor to care for them, we are carrying out the command of our Lord, to care for the orphan. Jesus said, "As often as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." The children of our Baptist Orphanage, are our children, our responsibility, and their future success depends largely upon our support.

During the year of 1955 a total of 824 applications for the care of needy children passed over the desk of the General Superintendent, we were able to admit to some phase of our program 137 of these children. To the other 687 we had to say, no. So the need grows greater every year. Last year we cared for a total of 736 children or 23 more than the year before.

Let us as Baptists of Avery County stand behind this cause and support the Orphanage with our prayers, our money and produce offerings.

Last year a good offering of produce was sent in by churches of the county.

Last year for the first time in the history of our children's home, it shared in the funds through the Cooperative Program. They received only about one-tenth of the support of the orphanage. The vast majority of the churches continue to send their offering direct to the Orphanage treasurer.

The Baptist of Avery County gave a total of $2,994.00 to the orphanage last year. We can support the orphanage by giving through the Cooperative Program, and by our Thanksgiving offering.

Respectfully submitted,
George Johnson

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

BAPTISTS GO FORWARD WHEN THEY GO TOGETHER

The Cooperative Program is the result of earnest prayer, much thought, and large experience. It is the plan adopted by Southern Baptists in their effort to enlist all their people in the systematic support of all the general work of the denomination. It includes missions, education, and benevolences in the several states, in the Southern states as a whole, and in twenty-two foreign countries. It seeks to provide a regular dependable income for all these agencies engaged in this work. It distributes to all these agencies in proportion to their importance and budget needs. The Cooperative Program is merely the distributing plan of Southern Baptists. We give through and not to the program.

The Cooperative Program is based upon the assumption that our pastors and all our denominational workers will promote it. They should thoroughly inform themselves about the program, what it is, how it came about, the causes included, how the percentages of distribution are determined, how the expenses are borne, etc. Our pastors must be cooperative Baptists if we are to succeed. You can't reach the smallest church among us over the head of its pastor. We need all our people in all our work, and all our people need to be in all our work. The Cooperative Program, therefore, begins with each individual and each church or it does not begin at all. Its success depends upon liberal offerings by the individual and a good financial plan in each church. Such a central plan places emphasis upon three prepositions:

An offering is brought TO GOD each Sunday by each and all.

It goes INTO the treasury of the Church.

It is FOR the promotion of Christ's Kingdom everywhere, beginning in the local church and on out to earth's remotest bounds.

Let us remember that North Carolina Baptists are now in a "Nine Year Program in Advance", with certain goals which, it is hoped, may be reached. The financial goal for 1955 was 2,840,000 dollars while only 2,605,415 dollars were received. This year the goal was 3,250,000 dollars. Let's hope we reached it and do our part to reach that set for 1957 by bringing our tithes and offerings into the church every Sunday.

The Minutes of the Avery County Baptist Association listed only eight churches that gave through the Cooperative Program last year. These eight gave a total of $410.

May we work and pray that more of our churches will give through our Cooperative Program.

As your Committee we recommend:

1. That every church give at least 10 per cent of the regular offering or 10 per cent of the local church budget, through the Cooperative Program.

2. That we plan and conduct at least a week of Stewardship studies in our Churches this coming year.

3. That since Rev. Guy S. Cain, has been elected by the Convention to serve as Missionary, to the Northwestern area of our state, that we feel free to call on him at any time to help us in our work of Stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Hodges, Committee
Cooperative Program

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

"The harvest fields are white and the laborers are few. Pray the Lord of Harvest to send forth laborers into the fields."

Each Woman's Missionary Union of our Association, as you know, is an organization for the women and young people which meets regularly and has for its aims: to enlist women in prayer, study of the missionary message of the Bible and world missions, regular contributions to missions, community missions; and the missionary education of young people.

From reports it seems that our Woman's Missionary work has had more losses than gains in the last few years. In many instances we have not met the standards set for us by our Baptist leaders, but surely we have learned more consecration and have dedicated our lives more fully to our Master's work.

In our program of work this year we have conducted mission study, stewardship, and community mission courses. We have also encouraged the reading of other books on prayer, stewardship, and missions.

Our Annual Associational meeting was held on Wednesday evening, April 11, 1956 at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. The theme of the meeting was "His Commission—Our Mission".

Woman's work is very important in bringing about the Kingdom of God on earth and I pray we may al lrealize and carry our share of the burdens and get a blessing in it with a bigger, broader vision for another year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Howard Hodges
Associational Superintendent

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

On July 20th the Sunday School Convention met with Stamey Town Baptist Church at 10:00 A. M. Some very appropriate remarks by the Secretary about another milestone on life's highway being reached, then he and the Christian Harmony Quartet sang "Farther On—While The Years Roll On".

Devotion was by Charlie Woody, and on motion the program was adopted.

The roll was called and 13 Sunday schools were represented.

The election of officers after much meditation was Rev. L. W. Sudderth, Superintendent; Rev. G. H. Dellinger, Assistant Supt.; Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary.

Committees appointed were: On Time and Place—Mack Hodge, Ted Braswell and Oran Burleson; On Resolutions—Frank Parsons, Howard Hodges and G. H. Dellinger.

A summary report was given by the Superintendent, and the local superintendents gave a report on progress. Those speaking on the subejct were: W. W. Braswell, Rhetta Gouge, J. A. Webb, Grace Hall, Ed W. Buchanan, Oran Burleson and Flora Stamey.

Offering taken for the secretary was $15.70.

The Annual Sermon was by Frank Parsons. A very interesting message.

Adjourned with prayer by Mack Hodge.

AFTERNOON

After a good dinner and an hour of fine fellowship, met at 1:00 P. M. Singing by the Christian Harmony Quartet was much enjoyed. The devotion was by Howard Hodges. Prayer by Ted Braswell. Subject—What Sunday School has meant to me. Discussed by Lottie Pittman, W. W. Braswell, Charlie Woody, Mack Hodge and Grace Hall.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

We recommend that the next session be held with Aaron Baptist Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, being the 26th day of July, 1957.

Respectfully submitted,
Mack Hodge
Committee

RESOLUTIONS

Be it Resolved that we tender a rising vote of thanks to God and these good people for their fine and well prepared dinner they gave us.

Frank Parsons
Committee

Roll call with the following number present. Aaron, 2; Big Meadow, 2; Belview, 3; Chestnut Dale, 3; Crossnore, 4; Fairview, 4; Green Valley, 2; Pineola, 1; Pleasant Hill, 15; Powder Mill, 1; Stamey Town, All; Whites Memorial, 7; Yellow Mtn., 1; and 5 superintendents and 6 pastors. The Convention closed a good session with more singing by the Quartet and a good old time hand shake and prayer by J. A. Webb.

G. H. Dellinger, Supt.
Ed W. Buchanan, Secretary

REPORT ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF AVERY COUNTY

My work began this year with the State planning meeting at Rutherfordton, and after considerable planning held a Revival for Sunday School Superintendents and teachers at Big Meadows Church in November. Out of twenty-nine churches, two besides Big Meadows attended; Stamey Town and Yellow Mountain, forcing us to close after three days.

After the Revival I visited churches as opportunity permitted, with morning and night services covering sixteen of the twenty-nine churches.

The Sunday School Convention was held at Stamey Town July 20. The thirteen churches attending enjoyed a spiritual convention and delicious luncheon.

The churches represented gave progressive reports on their Sunday Schools.

The Baptist Sunday Schools of Avery County have the privilege of teaching approximately 2,000 men, women and children every Sunday. Let us teach these people in a way that is pleasing to God.

Humbly submitted,
Rev. G. H. Dellinger,
Sunday School Superintendent
Avery County Association

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H. H. Ruppe

THE REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Danial 1.8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the King's meat, nor with the wine which he drank.

There is much that could be said in this report, but to be tempered there must be a purpose in the heart of the individual and that purpose must be to a high standard of Christian living.

There has been 10 or 11 homicides, suicides and murders in our county in the period of a little over a year.

But our law enforcement tells us that crime is not as heavy this year as last, about two arrests out of every three are people above twenty years old, which looks as though our adult people are setting a bad example before our youth, we feel that our youth is to be commended for this record.

We feel that this can be contributed to the good Pastors and good Sunday school workers as well as the parents at home who are not trying to take anything away from our youth, but giving them something better than they have.

We should feel that temperance is an important factor in our lives which would give us a purpose and a goal.

And this purpose should be to abstain from the very appearance of evil, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Dayton N. Jones

REPORT OF

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR AGING

Associational Year 1956

The Homes are in their sixth, and greatest, year of operation.

Construction of the Administration and Dormitory Building began in February. It should be completed by the end of the year and ready for occupancy by February 1, 1957.

North Carolina Baptists have good reason to be proud of this new building, which, when completed and equipped, will add one-half million dollars to the total value of the Homes. What is more encouraging, there is reason to believe that the total cost of the new building will be paid for by the time it is occupied, if our 3,200 Baptist churches will respond with a generous Special Day offering on the third Sunday of February, 1957.

The added facilities of the new building will make it possible to care for 100 residents—20 at Resthaven, 36 at Albemarle Home, and 44 in the new building. Of this number, less than 10 will be part-time helpers. Moreover, a greater ministry to our aging residents will be possible because of the extra facilities in the new building. Among these will be ample space for craft shops, sun parlors, library, infirmary, and other additional features. In fact, the new building was planned and is being constructed to provide a well rounded program with the most up-to-date facilities.

The Special Day offering this year, to date, is $88,400.03, including personal and corporation gifts. This amount will be increased by churches late in reporting their gifts. It is encouraging to know that the number of churches responding increases each year.

Resthaven and the Albemarle Home have been filled to capacity. When a vacancy occurs, which is rare, there is always a waiting list.

Effort was made in Winston-Salem during June and July to raise $100,000 for the new building. In addition to the money raised, the response on the part of a large number of splendid business men to help with the campaign was most inspiring. The aroused interest in the program of the Homes will bring increasing results for years to come.

Your Homes are putting forth their best efforts to render a ministry of security, comfort, congeniality, and Christian love to our residents.

North Carolina Baptists should keep in mind that their special offering and the share of the Nine Year Program received by the Homes help to make this ministry possible to all who come to the Homes, and, especially, to a large number who could not come but for such help.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth" (Psalm 71:9).

A Homes representative was elected last year in nearly all of our Associations. Please see to it that one is elected in your Association this year.

Respectfully,
Charlie Woody

AVERY ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	DONATIONS 1955	DONATIONS to July 25, 1956
Bellview	15.00	15.00
Chestnut Dale	-------	8.00
Crossnore	-------	15.00
Elk Park	-------	10.00
Elk Valley	10.00	-------
Fall Creek	-------	33.40
Flat Springs	4.41	9.50
Green Valley	-------	14.55
Jonas Ridge	11.04	10.00
Minneapolis	22.50	29.18
Mt. Pleasant	7.25	-------
Pleasant Hill	11.25	67.00
Pleasant Valley	2.00	-------
Stamey Town	12.14	12.50

Yellow Mountain		3.25
	$95.59	$227.38

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

The year 1955 was the best in service our Baptist Hospital has ever had. Our churches gave the largest Mother's Day Offering they have ever made, and the Hospital was able to serve more sick people than ever before. More than 115,000 days of bed-patient care were rendered to almost 15,000 sick people, and more than 100,000 visits were made to the clinics and offices of the medical staff.

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Following the completion of the new south wing and the moving of a number of departments in to new quarters, much of the original building which was constructed in 1923 had to be renovated. Most of this work has been completed, as is evidenced by the new waiting rooms for visitors and many other changes. Our Hospital is not only larger now, but it has the best facilities and staff to serve our people that it has ever had.

The new X-ray department is one example of improvement. Just recently, three new type X-ray machines have been installed at a cost of over $30,000. A small concrete building is now under construction to house a cobalt machine, which is much more safe and much more effective in the treatment of certain types of cancer than any X-ray machines now being used. The cost of this will be $75,000. No other hospital in North Carolina has equipment equal to these new machines. We now have the best X-ray department in the South. The doctor who heads the department is one of the outstanding radiologists in America.

Most other departments have been improved and new departments added. Regular services are being held in the beautiful new Chapel which was opened in June. We now have a fine specialist for testing and advising those who have defective hearing. A highly skilled plastic surgeon is joining our staff this fall. Our Baptist Hospital is trying to stay in the forefront in providing for our people the best there is available in medical service.

The most urgently needed new facilities are a new nurses' home, in order that the nursing school may be enlarged, and additional parking facilities. Anyone who has visited the Hospital recently is probably aware of the serious parking problem, and the nursing school need is equally acute.

Costs in all hospitals have increased steadily and every indication is that they will continue to increase. Such medical service as is provided by our Baptist Hospital cannot be made available without great cost. All who can possibly do so should carry hospital insurance with a reliable company. Those of us who can pay for our medical care must do so. Then we need to give generously through our Mother's Day Offering to help care for those who cannot care for themselves.

Respectfully submitted,
Ira Hodges

OBITUARIES

Since our last meeting 26 of our brothers and sisters have gone to their reward, to wit:

AARON—Mr. Walter Ledford.

BEECH MTN.—Mrs. Jannie Andes, Mr. Robert Church, Jr.

BIG MEADOW—Mrs. Hattie Ingram, Mr. W. M. Carpenter.

BELVIEW—Mrs. Bessie Woody.

ELK VALLEY—Sunday School Supt., Ernest Eller.

FALL CREEK—Mr. Linville Parlier, Mr. Conley Parlier, Mrs. Amanda Parlier.

FAIRVIEW—Mrs. Lindy Woody, Mr. Edward Crawford.

FLAT SPRINGS—Mrs. Creacy Guy, Mr. Darnell Guy.

GREEN VALLEY—Mrs. Dock Ollis, Mr. J. P. Grindstaff.

HENSON CREEK—Mrs. Emma Burleson.

MT. PLEASANT—Miss Verdie Burleson.

NEWLAND—Mr. Millard Jaynes.

PLEASANT HILL—Mr. Larry Hughes, Mr. Marion Buchanan, Mr. Will Greene.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Mrs. Matilda Hicks, Mr. Henry Hicks, Mr. Dot Hicks.

VALLEY HAVEN—Mr. R. F. Marshall.

And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me Write, Blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea said the Spirit that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them: Rev. 13-14.

By Ed W. Buchanan for
Roy McGuire. Com.

EVANGELISM

Luke 4:18-19. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. This was His Mission. In John 20:21 "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you." This becomes the mission of every follower of Christ. We must witness at home and abroad.

Winning converts to Christ should be the chief concern of every Christian. This is a rewarding work.

The gospel means "good news", evangelism is the telling of that good news, the entire enterprise of making the story known. The essence of evangelism is Christ. Paul said "we preach Christ, and Him crucified".

I Corinthians 15:3-4 "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." The early church grew because daily in the temple, and in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Christ.

The great need of the hour is personal Evangelism. How wonderful it is to know Christ, as Saviour and Lord, for to know His is eternal life.

We are to tell others about Him, as did Andrew who introduced Peter to Him. We do not have to go to a foreign field to testify of Christ, we can do so in our own community. The field is the world and we must realize that people without Christ are lost wherever they may be. We should be stirred with deep compassion for the lost because of a heart of love for Christ, and in obedience to His command to give the gospel to a lost world.

In 1954 North Carolina Baptists had 35,602 baptisms. This was 4,000 more than in 1953.

May God help us to launch out into the deep and to do our best in the greatest work in the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence Hagaman

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

It is the desire of each of us to become more effective in the work in which God has placed us. The Baptist periodicals are designed for this purpose.

Our Southern Baptist Sunday School Board publishes over 65 periodicals with a circulation of over 60 million copies a year. Some of the most familiar ones are as follows:

1. Denominational magazines
    a. Biblical Recorder
    b. Home Missions
    c. Commission

The *Biblical Recorder* gives us the news from our state. *Home Missions* and *The Commission* provide much interesting reading from our missionaries at home and abroad.

2. Sunday School and Training Union magazines
    a. Sunday School Builder
    b. Training Union Magazine
    c. Home Life

The *Sunday School Builder* helps especially the teachers and officers in teaching methods. It also provides inspirational reading for all. The *Train-*

ing Union Magazine meets the same need in Training Union as the Sunday School Builder does in Sunday School. *The Home Life* encourages family worship and helps us in our daily living.

3. The Woman's Missionary Union magazines
    a. Royal Service (for W. M. U.)
    b. The Window of Y. W. A.
    c. Tell (for G. A.'s)
    d. Ambassador Life (for R. A.'s)

These magazines give the monthly programs for each organization. They also contain many interesting articles from missionaries and neighboring organizations.

In addition to these of course are the *Sunday School* and *Training Union Quarterlies* with which we are all familiar and various tracts.

The way to progress is to know where you are going and what you are doing. More of us should take advantage of the periodicals and apply them in such a way that we will know and live the Bible better every day.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Claude Wilson

CHURCH LIBRARIES

As we try to follow Christ's command in I Timothy 4:13 "Till I Come, give attendance to reading," we can best do this by having a Church Library in every Church. Are we as Christians doing our best to see that our people are securing the type of books that we should read? Reading is one of our greatest delights, and as we read we are constantly looking for background materials that we may use in our Church work.

Believing that every Church needs and can have a Church Library, the Church Library Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee will send without charge, five books, if the Church will donate five other books, making a total of ten books to start out with. A locked shelf can be set aside to care for the books, or a locked Class room. The library can be kept open before and after the main services of the Church. A librarian should be elected by the Church.

Books to the reader are what tools are to the farmer or to the mechanic. They are the tools with which we tunnel the mountains, and span the Chasms, and harness the lightning, and chart the seas.

For nearly two thousand years we still find the One Book and One Personality as the best loved and most read Book of all.

He who gives a friend a book gives him a staff upon which he can lean and limp until he is able to stand and run and fly.

Too long has the Church overlooked this field of service. Too long have Christian leaders neglected to provide for this need in life. We welcome most enthusiastically the coming of the Church library. Let us give the best there is within us to the promotion of a Movement like this.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Bob Banner

RELIEF AND ANNUITY

Thirty-eight years ago on a Thursday morning, May 16, 1918, the Southern Baptist Convention brought into existence the Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuities. Let us pause briefly and review the original intentions of the founders of this group. Its purpose was to provide a reasonable degree of protection for the minister in the event of unseen difficulties, and to provide relief, support, benefits and annuities for ministers of the Gospel of Baptist churches and their widows and orphans within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Two facts were recognized with regard to the economic status of the preacher. One—Ministers, being called of God, are given very little opportunity, if any, to increase their income in secular pursuits if their God-given tasks are carried out satisfactorily. Therefore, very few are able to save for old age or have insurance coverage. Secondly, Preachers, like all flesh, are subject to life alike. Some have accidents or suffer physical incapacity and sometimes face years of disability without income, or meet untimely deaths leaving widows and orphans. Some live far beyond the years of earning capacity with no provision to meet the necessities of life.

Today, there are various annuities of the Southern Baptist Convention, one that looks toward an old age no longer indigent and penniless, because of the creation of retirement annuities.

Today, there are various annuities of the Southern Baptist Convention, including the Board Employees Security Plan, Baptist Retirement Plan, and Baptist Employees Protection Plan. The Southern Baptist Protection Plan is now the only plan open for new members in all states. This plan incorporates the best points of the old Ministers Retirement Plan and Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan as well as the Ministers Security Plan.

Beginning January 1, 1955, Baptist Ministers became eligible to participate in Social Security on a voluntary basis. The Relief and Annuity Board had much to do with the passage of this law, making coverage for ministers voluntary rather than obligatory.

The Ministers Retirement Plan in North Carolina; being different from the retirement plans of other states until now, has made adjustments in its program. (1) The benefits have been increased, (2) Total contributions of members, church and state conventions are to match dues of the Ministers Security Plan in other states. (3) The Ministers Retirement Plan in North Carolina was closed to new members January 1, 1956. All new members must come into the Southern Baptist Retirement Plan, which is the same in all states. With these changes the retirement program is practically the same in all states.

However only a small percentage of the preachers are members of any retirement plan. To my knowledge very little effort has been made in this area to reach interested persons.

What is being done in your church for the less fortunate? Some of the churches of this area help individuals in our association by sending regular contributions, others help by giving through the Cooperative Program. Each year more is spend for relief than Southern Baptist give and each year the relief roll increases. Let us look to the future prayerfully—for our task and responsibilities are great, but not beyond us with the help of our Lord. Let us give our best and succeed for Him. "WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST, WHICH STRENGTHENETH US".

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. Estep

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

On the subject of Stewardship I shall let the Word of God speak for itself:

A. *Stewardship of Life.*

1. Faithfulness is Required. (1 Cor. 4:2) "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

2. The Diversity of Gifts. (Matt. 25:14-15) "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey."

3. Men are Stewards, not Owners. (Luke 19:13) "And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come."

4. Life Precious. (I Cor. 6:20) "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

5. A Sacred Treasure to be Kept. (I Tim. 6:20) "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called."

6. Ministering as Stewards. (I Pet. 4:10) "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

B. *Stewards are Accountable to God.*

1. (Matt. 12:36) "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

2. (Matt. 18:23) "Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants."

3. (Luke 12:20) "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou

hast provided?"

4. (Luke 12:48) "But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more."

5. (Luke 19:15) "And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading."

6. (Rom. 14:12) "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

7. (I Pet. 4:4) "Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Verse 5 . . . "Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead."

C. *The Personal Responsibility of Stewardship.*

1. (Deut. 24:16) "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin."

2. (Job. 19:4) "And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself."

3. (Prov. 9:12) "If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it."

4. (Jer. 31:30) "But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge."

5. (Ezek. 18:20) "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him."

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Mack Hodge

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We believe in education and more especially in Christian education. We have our seminaries and colleges that cover the Southern Baptist Convention. We have one of those seminaries in North Carolina. Seven colleges of ours are in our state. Mars Hill College is nearby. Almost 6000 students attended our seven colleges last year. We need to give these schools our support and encourage our young people to attend them.

Our churches have training programs through their different organizations. Let us work together in our churches to learn more of God's Word. We could well add study courses to what we are already doing.

Christian Education should begin in our homes and continue on into our churches and our schools.

Respectfully submitted,
Roby L. Painter

REPORT ON FUNDS RECEIVED FOR REV. D. A. GREENE'S MONUMENT

We the Committee that was appointed by this Association are pleased to make this report that the Monument has been purchased, erected and paid for, through the generous contributions of the Churches of this Association. The names and amount is as follows:

Powder Mill Church	$15.00
Elk Valley Church	19.60
Fall Creek Church	17.40
Minneapolis Church	14.69
Elk Park Church	5.00
Crossnore Church	10.00
Pleasant Hill Church	10.00
Yellow Mtn. Church	5.90
Mount Pleasant Church	10.00
Beech Mtn. Church	9.00
Mount Gilead Church	24.29
Flat Springs Church	7.26
Beech Valley Church	6.45
Belview Church	10.00
Fairview Church	5.00
Other Offerings	39.00
Offering from Avery Association last year	18.00
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HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES

Historical Table

Year	**Meeting Place**	**Moderator**	**Clerk**	**Sermon**
1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis	W. M. Francum	D. A. Greene
1913	Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Beach
1914	Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant	D. Buchanan	S. M. Johnson
1915	Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	C. A. Martin
1916	Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis	D. Buchanan	R. T. Vann
1917	Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan
1918	Green Valley	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1919	Crossnore	D. A. Greene	D. Buchanan	D. A. Greene
1920	Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman	D. Buchanan	W. R. Cullom
1921	Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis	D. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	D. R. Kilgore
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton	D. Buchanan	H. T. Stevens
1925	Chesterdale	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. W. P. Hill
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	L. W. Hall
1927	Big Meadow	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. M. Whitaker
1928	Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	J. Henline
1929	Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	E. M. Johnson
1930	Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton	Ed. W. Buchanan	S. M. Pittman
1931	Aaron	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1932	Crossnore	K. L. Haga	Ed. W. Buchanan	K. L. Haga
1933	Powdermill	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ruth E. Hester	G. D. Danner
1934	Mount Pleasant	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	W. R. Davis
1935	Beech Mountain	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. W. Braswell	Paul Roberts
1936	Pineola	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. G. Benfield
1937	Flat Springs	G. D. Danner	K. L. Haga	J. C. Owen
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	J. A. Brown
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Greene	J. L. Banner	G. D. Danner
1940	Newland	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	R. D. Painter
1941	Yellow Mountain	V. W. Greene	K. L. Haga	K. L. Haga
1942	Elk Valley	V. W. Greene	D. Buchanan	Spencer McCloud
1943	Belview	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	J. C. Brown
1944	Elk Park	R. T. Teague	D. Buchanan	W. W. Ward
1945	Pleasant Hill and Minneapolis	R. L. Painter	K. L. Haga	Jeff Pyatt
1946	Jonas Ridge and Oak Grove	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1947	Cranberry	D. N. Jones	D. Buchanan	Frank Brown
1948	Powdermill	V. W. Greene	Ed. W. Buchanan	Dayton Jones
1949	Crossnore and Mt. Pleasant	D. N. Jones	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ben Wood
1950	Aaron and Newland	J. W. Costner	Ed. W. Buchanan	W. F. Smith
1951	Elk Valley and Valley Haven	J. C. Brown	Ed. W. Buchanan	A. G. Brooks
1952	Sugar Mtn. and Big Meadow	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	D. N. Jones
1953	Belview and Minneapolis	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	Ira Hodges
1954	Fairview and Whites Memorial	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	Victor Trivette
1955	Flat Springs and Beech Mtn.	Mack Hodge	Ed. W. Buchanan	Victor Trivette

TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Aaron	V	1-3	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	7		1	92	21	113	1	3	327.
Beech Mountain	R	2-4	L. W. Hagaman, Reece	4		7	123	50	173	2		585.
Belview	R	2-4	J. C. Francisco, Elizabethton, Tenn.		7	3	63	44	117	2		600.
Big Meadow	R	3	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine	9		2	64	92	156	2	4	330.
Chestnut Dale	R	2-4	R. L. Painter, Banner Elk				49	9	58	2		360.
Cranberry	V	All	H. H. Ruppe, Gaffney, S. C., Rt. 5	5	5	4	110	58	168	2		1200.
Crossnore	T	All	Howard Hodges, Crossnore	15	3	6	158	99	257	2		2300.
Elk Park	T		No Pastor		2	4	41	30	71	1	5	1200.
Elk Valley	R	1-3	D. N. Jones, Elk Park, Rt. 1	7		3	115	76	191	2		600.
Fall Creek	R	1-3	Ronda Earp, Vilas	15	2	10			240	2		600.
Fairview	R	1-3	Garfield Hughes, Newland, Rt. 1	3	5	2	64	23	87	1		220.
Flat Springs	R	2-4	Ronda Earp, Vilas			4	170	65	235	1		364.
Green Valley	R	1-3	Loyd Shell, Marion, Rt. 2	12		8	101	49	150	2		480.
Henson Creek	R	2-4	Lee Pittman, Spruce Pine			1	85	25	110	1	4	520.
Jonas Ridge	V	1-3	J. A. Revels, Hickory				40	10	50	1		315.
Minneapolis	V	2-4	D. N. Jones, Elk Park, Rt. 1	8	2	2	110	31	141	2		720.
Mt. Pleasant	R	2-4	L. W. Hagaman, Reece	2		1	103	51	154	1	10	870.
Newland	T	All	W. W. Abernthy, Newland	6	11	11	167	71	238	1		3380.
Oak Grove			No Report									
Pineola	V	2-4	Frank Parsons, Bakersville	5	1	4	50	41	91			519.
Pleasant Hill	R	1-3	Mack Hodge, Bakersville	11	3	8	250	120	370	2		1200.
Pleasant Valley	R	1-3	Russell Potter, Elizabethton, Tenn.	7	2	12	52	87	139	2		128.
Powder Mill	R	1-3	G. H. Dellinger, Newland, Rt. 3	3					80	1		200.
Roaring Creek	R	2-4	C. O. Hall, Marion, Rt. 2	3			98	18	119	1		157.
Stamey Town	R	1-3	Charley Woody, Spruce Pine				17	32	49	2		200.
Sugar Mountain	R	All	L. P. Haas, Granite Falls	2	4	1	32	15	47	2	2	350.
Valley Haven	R	1-4	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	5	4		50	22	72	1	9	259.
Whites Memorial	R	1-3	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	9	4	3	77	10	87	1	5	420.
Yellow Mountain	R	2-4	G. H. Dellinger, Newland, Rt. 3		9	2	59	36	106	1		480.
Totals				138	64	99	2340	1185	3869	41	42	18884.

TABLE B. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults	Officers Not Counted Classes and Depts.	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V.B.S.
Aaron	[illegible] Sudderth, Montezuma				14	14	10	22		24	9	84	48		
Beech Mountain	Truman Church, Elk Park, Rt. 1				7	9	10	14		17	2	107	60		
Belview	Dewey Gouge, Cranberry		5	7	9	14	14	16		52	4	121	81	47	45
Big Meadow	Homer Caloway, Plumtree			18	14		15	6		40	2	85	80		
Chestnut Dale	Lenord Carpenter, Plumtree			13		9		16	25	23	4	90	45		
Cranberry	Mrs. E. L. McCourry, Cranberry		16	13		22	26	8	19	35	3		88		
Crossnore	J. A. Webb, Crossnore		3	16	16	25	39	49		62	2	212	160	74	70
Elk Park	B. H. Winters, Elk Park	6	6	10	12	8	8	12		30	9	101	65	78	70
Elk Valley	Ernest McGuire, Elk Park, Rt. 1				16	19	18	17		30		100	70		
Fall Creek	D. C. Cook, Elk Park, Rt. 1			15	6	18		25		32		200	96		
Fairview	Dewey Hughes, Spruce Pine				46		5			51		102	80		
Flat Springs	Cleo Jones, Elk Park, Rt. 1	15		25	9	25	20	15	5	40		140	90		
Green Valley	Roland McClellan, Crossnore			10	8	7	10	20		20	2	80	65		
Henson Creek	Hobert Dellinger, Newland, Rt. 3			12		8		16	10	14		65	60		
Jonas Ridge	Zeb Franklin, Jonas Ridge			5	7	9	16	8		20		65		20	
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis											120	110	50	50
Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Newland			21	25	18	19		14	24	2	124	75		
Newland	Bruce Daniels, Newland			10	20	15	20	10	20	32		127	99	73	72
Pineola	Ernie Buchanan, Pineola	5		10		12	12	8	6	14		67	40		
Pleasant Hill	Ed W. Buchanan, Minneapolis			18	10	15	15	15		80	2	155	130	104	82
Pleasant Valley	Gurney Hicks, Elk Park		4	10	8	6	12		12	13		65	38		
Powder Mill	Howard Thomas, Newland, Rt. 1				10	15		20		15		60			
Roaring Creek	Verl Hughes, Newland, Rt. 1			18	10	12	16		14	20			65		
Stamey Town	Harold Dellinger, Newland, Rt. 3			8	6	10		15		12		51	36		
Sugar Mountain	G. L. Duckworth, Newland, Rt. 2				15		10			22	3	50	30		
Valley Haven	Larry Draughan, Banner Elk			2		7	18			26	4	57	30	23	20
Whites Memorial	Olin Burleson, Newland, Rt. 3		8	10	10	7	11	12	11	28	5	102	64	68	61
Yellow Mountain	Austin Buchanan, Plumtree				20	12	10	20		25	2	93	71		
Totals		26	42	251	298	316	334	344	136	801	55	2623	1876	537	470

TABLE C. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Mission Enrolment	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Cranberry	Mrs. Robert Tolley, Cranberry	5	5	5	9	8	14	9		8	58	
Crossnore	Harold Henson, Crossnore		12	16	21	28	25			9	111	
Elk Valley	Earl Carver, Banner Elk			11	13	17	17	17			75	60
Fall Creek	Judd Jones, Elk Park, Rt. 1		7		17		30	28			82	82
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Mary Estepp, Newland			5	6	14	20	10		1	51	30
Newland	Thomas Wright, Newland		2	4	5	6	6	12			35	25
Pleasant Hill	Earl Greene, Newland, Rt. 1		5	5	18		10	26		2	56	54
Powder Mill	Mrs. Frank Jones, Newland, Rt. 1			10		10		10			30	
Sugar Mountain	Mrs. Isabel Braswell, Newland, Rt. 2				8		12			5	25	15
Valley Haven	Will Blair, Banner Elk				7	18		25		4	54	35
Whites Memorial	Edward Wiseman, Newland, Rt. 3			7	7		6	6	26	4	30	29
	Totals	5	31	63	111	101	140	143	26	33	607	330

TABLE D. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	G. A. Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Total Enrolled
Belview	Rhetta Gouge, Cranberry	1		1	9		9
Crossnore	Mrs. Howard Hodges, Crossnore				27		27
Elk Park	Mrs. Maud Angle, Elk Park	1	1	2	10	10	20
Newland	Mrs. Vance Buchanan, Jr., Newland	1		1	19		19
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. John Atwell, Newland, Rt. 1	1		1	15		15
	Totals	4	1	5	80	10	90

TABLE G AND H. TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.
Aaron	W. W. Braswell, Montezuma	1215.	132.	25.
Beech Mountain	M. D. Moore, Elk Park	1425.	60.	127.
Belview	Julious Ollis, Cranberry	2320.		150.
Big Meadow	Mrs. L. W. Carpenter, Newland, Rt. 1	2288.		22.
Chestnut Dale	R. L. Sluder, Newland, Rt. 1	837.	48.	95.
Cranberry	O. L. Wright, Cranberry	3592.	276.	44.
Crossnore	Mrs. William Aldridge, Crossnore	3193.	120.	21.
Elk Park	Mrs. Maud Angle, Elk Park	1891.		212.
Elk Valley	Luther Riddle, Banner Elk	1819.	110.	314.
Fall Creek	T. L. Crawford, Elk Park, Rt. 1	1937.	155.	
Fairview	Mrs. Jeff Woody	315.		
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek	666.	60.	
Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	1947.		273.
Henson Creek	Delora Buchanan, Newland, Rt. 3	1041.	58.	25.
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Grace Rose, Jonas Ridge	1095.	36.	45.
Minneapolis	Hellen Grindstaff, Minneapolis	3357.	95.	22.
Mt. Pleasant	Loren Burleson, Newland	2900.		427.
Newland	Ruth H. Caloway, Newland	9390.	250.	1495.
Oak Grove				
Pineola	Mrs. Loyd Thompson, Pineola	920.	130.	11.
Pleasant Hill	Lawrence Ollis, Newland Rt.	7413.	180.	323.
Pleasant Valley	Mrs. Walter Hicks, Elk Park	360.		32.
Powder Mill	George Watson, Newland, Rt. 1	411.		
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Newland Rt.	310.		
Stamey Town	Damon Pritchard, Newland Rt.	651.	54.	126.
Sugar Mountain	Mrs. Hugh Braswell, Newland	862.	45.	35.
Valley Haven	David Draughan, Banner Elk	701.		74.
Whites Memorial	Mrs. Hubert Carpenter, Newland	1236.	96.	
Yellow Mountain	Rosalyn Caloway, Newland	2036.	192.	
Totals		56128.	2097.	3898.

TABLE I AND J. MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects, Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes
Aaron	W. Braswell, Montezuma								37.		37.	1215.
Beech Mountain	Truman Church, Elk Park, Rt. 1					4.		57.	58.	13.	132.	1755.
Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry			22.	20.	15.		80.	30.	15.	182.	2320.
Big Meadow	Lawrence Carpenter, Newland, Rt. 2							172.	36.	77.	286.	2288.
Chestnut Dale	C. C. Johnson, Newland, Rt. 1							35.		7.	41.	769.
Cranberry	Mrs. Mildred Greene, Cranberry			25.	12.	12.		25.	26.		100.	3330.
Crossnore	Mrs. Lois Clark, Crossnore	356.		20.	15.	15.		25.	23.	15.	469.	9621.
Elk Park	C. S. Carrol, Elk Park	20.				25.	53.	30.			128.	1891.
Elk Valley	Mrs. Floy Aldridge, Banner Elk											1818.
Fall Creek	Mrs. Bulah Dugger, Elk Park, Rt. 1							14.			14.	1937.
Fairview	Avery Hoilman, Spruce Pine, Rt. 2											315.
Flat Springs	J. M. Harmon, Beech Creek							64.	11.	10.	85.	666.
Green Valley	Wise Hall, Spruce Pine, Rt. 1	3.			57.	23.		21.	20.		122.	1947.
Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Newland, Rt. 3								13.		13.	1041.
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Grace Rose, Jonas Ridge							140.	34.		174.	1338.
Minneapolis	R. T. Lewis, Minneapolis						51.	81.	60.	430.	580.	3357.
Mt. Pleasant	R. H. Carpenter, Newland, Rt. 3							120.	90.	298.	508.	2900.
Newland	Finley Banner, Newland	120.	17.	50.				157.	100.	56.	500.	9390.
Oak Grove												
Pineola	Loyd Thompson, Pineola			10.				36.	18.		64.	920.
Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis, Newland, Rt. 1		15.			157.		79.	46.		297.	7413.
Pleasant Valley	Robt. Hicks, Elk Park	2.						3.		2.	7.	360.
Powder Mill	T. J. Greene, Newland, Rt. 1							15.	15.		30.	411.
Roaring Creek	Evia Hughes, Newland, Rt. 1											310.
Stamey Town	Harold Dellinger, Newland, Rt. 3			18.					78.	19.	116.	651.
Sugar Mountain	Marie Braswell, Newland, Rt. 2					15.			12.		27.	862.
Valley Haven	Lary Draughn, Banner Elk	3.		10.	7.		32.	10.	21.		73.	701.
Whites Memorial	Mrs. Willie Hughes, Newland, Rt. 3							20.	25.		45.	1235.
Yellow Mountain	T. J. Greene, Newland, Rt. 3							52.			52.	2036.
Totals		504.	32.	155.	111.	266.	136.	1236.	753.	942.	4082.	62797.